



Morss Hall, the cafeteria located on the first floor of Walker Memorial, will soon be closing. The dining operations will be relocated to the Stata Center.

Walker Dining Services to Close, Relocate to Stata Center Facility

By Tongyan Lin

Dining services in Walker Memorial will close early next year and new dining facilities will open in the Stata Center.

The area used for Walker's lunch service will be converted to "a catering venue for events," said Richard D. Berlin III, director of Campus Dining. The key focus of the area is to use it for events for "student banquets" or "VIP dinners."

Berlin said that "hopefully the transition takes place over break and IAP [Independent Activities Period]."

The traffic at Walker Dining has been declining in the past few years, Steve Porter, general manager of

MIT Community Dining, said. Moreover, Walker "is not really central to the rest of campus as Stata will be."

Porter also said there were problems with temperature control in the summer.

Berlin expects the Stata Center to draw a large portion of the population because "academic and research activity is going into Stata."

Berlin said that Campus Dining cannot financially support food services in both Walker and the Stata Center for lunch.

Pritchett to remain open

Pritchett Grill, on the second floor of Walker Memorial, will

remain open. "We invested a lot of equipment," Porter said. "We're going to enhance that."

There "needs to be a viable dining option" in East Campus, said Porter. Sodexo, the current contractor that manages Walker dining, is currently working on more improvements for Pritchett Grill.

Berlin said he plans to organize a student committee to focus on Pritchett and how it can serve East Campus better.

Stata Center to provide dining

The new facilities at the Stata Center will include a large dining

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Settlement Reached In Prof. Ruffin Case

By Chen Zhao

Former Belmont resident Mary Murnane is required to pay \$50,000 to MIT visiting professor Stephen M. Ruffin SM '87, after Murnane allegedly refused to lease her house to Ruffin on the basis of his race.

According to the decision handed down from the Middlesex Superior Court, the state of Massachusetts, represented by Attorney General Tom Reilly, and the Ruffin family, represented by Harvey S. Shapiro, agreed to settle the case without having Murnane admit to any legal wrongdoing.

The settlement requires Murnane to pay the Ruffins \$50,000, and prohibits her from selling or renting property in Massachusetts for the next five years without a licensed broker. In addition, the settlement prohibits her from retaliating against a broker who refuses to discriminate on the basis of race, from expressing or indicating racial preferences for tenants, and requires her to attend fair housing training.

A press release from the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office said that Murnane violated the

state's fair housing laws by refusing to rent her house to Ruffin and his wife, Karen Ruffin, because she found out that they were African-American. Ruffin had been appointed a Martin Luther King visiting professor at MIT for the 2000-2001 school year.

Reilly's office said that the entire housing process went smoothly. The Ruffins completed the proper forms and provided deposit and commission checks, character reference letters, and even a reference letter for their pet.

Reilly's press release said that Murnane read on the application that Ruffin had been appointed an MLK visiting professor, which led her to infer that he was African-American.

Murnane allegedly called her broker, Diane Newbrough of Coldwell Hunneman Bankers, to confirm this fact and chided Newbrough for not telling her this and for even showing the house to African-Americans.

The press release said that Murnane said that the neighbors would be upset if the house were rented to

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Course XIII May Merge With Other Department

By Marissa Vogt

ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

A new committee has been formed to discuss the possibility of merging the Department of Ocean Engineering with one of two other MIT departments.

Dean of the School of Engineering Thomas L. Magnanti formed the committee over the summer after he received an initial review of the department in May.

Based on that recommendation, "what I've asked them to do is explore the merger opportunities," Magnanti said.

Magnanti said that the new committee is only considering a merger with one of the original choices from a 2002 committee, Courses I or XVI, and has begun exploring a merger with a department not on the original list.

The new committee consists of three faculty members from ocean engineering as well as one from each of the two departments that is under consideration, Magnanti said.

Professor of Ocean Engineering David S. Herbein SM '87 said that the new ocean engineering committee includes a faculty member from Aeronautics and Astronautics and Mechanical Engineering.

Magnanti said that he has not yet received the final report of the original 2002 committee and that the initial report has not yet been made available to the public. A summary should be made public in the next couple of months, he said.

Professor of Ocean Engineering Arthur B. Baggeroer '68, chairman of the new committee, was unavailable for comment.

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Committee To Discuss Future of MIT FSILGs

By Issel Lim

A task force has been formed to document how fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups contribute to student life and learning at MIT.

The task force, chartered by President Charles M. Vest, will examine risk management, chapter operations, living environment, and recruitment. Its members will offer suggestions for improving for the current system and accommodating mandatory on-campus residence for first year undergraduates.

Patrick H. Winston '65, a Course VI professor and chairman of the committee, said that the ultimate goal of the task force was "half find-

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Former Vermont governor and 2004 Democratic presidential candidate Howard Dean greets supporters after a rally in Copley Square on Tuesday, Sept. 23. The Boston Police estimated that 2,500 attended the rally.

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WORLD & NATION

Bush Meets With U.N. Allies, Receives No Immediate Aid Offers

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

President Bush held an intensive round of meetings with allies on Wednesday to press for help in Iraq, but he won no immediate offers of aid, and administration officials said they might not negotiate a U.N. resolution for more peacekeeping troops to help the American occupation in Baghdad for another month.

"Nobody is in a particular hurry to get this done," a senior administration official told reporters at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in Midtown Manhattan, where the president held his meetings. "The key here is to do the resolution in a way that is right, that allows full and complete consultation."

A senior official from a close American ally said that it was possible that the resolution could be agreed upon as early as next week, and that it might include a specific timetable for the transfer of authority to the Iraqis.

Draft of Report Shows No Proof Of Iraq Weapons

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

An early draft of an interim report by the American leading the hunt for banned weapons in Iraq says his team has not found any of the unconventional weapons cited by the Bush administration as a principal reason for going to war, federal officials with knowledge of the findings said Wednesday.

The long-anticipated report by David Kay, the former U.N. weapons inspector who has been leading the U.S. search for illicit weapons, will be the first public assessment of progress in that search since President Bush declared an end to major combat on May 1.

Kay's team has spent nearly four months searching suspected sites and interviewing Iraqi scientists believed to have knowledge about the country's nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons programs.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said that Kay and his team had not found any illicit weapons. They said they believed that Kay had found evidence of precursors and dual-use equipment that could have been used to manufacture chemical and biological weapons.

California Recall Debate Quickly Goes Free-For-All

THE NEW YORK TIMES

SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

The five major candidates vying to replace Gov. Gray Davis if he is recalled faced one another here on Wednesday night for the first and probably only time in the eight-week dash to the Oct. 7 election.

Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante, the only big-name Democrat in the race, Arnold Schwarzenegger, the actor-turned-politician, state Sen. Tom McClintock, the diehard conservative, Peter Camejo, the Green Party candidate, and Arianna Huffington, the leftish television commentator and newspaper columnist, engaged in 90 minutes of often spirited debate.

It began in a relatively sedate manner, with each candidate addressing a question about the wisdom of the recall election itself. Schwarzenegger called it "a great idea," and McClintock welcomed it as a means of correcting a mistake made at the ballot box last November when Davis was re-elected. Camejo said recalling the governor was necessary to solve the state's budget crisis, and Huffington said it provided the only chance to elect an "independent progressive with a simple plurality."

Powell to Give Iraqi Leaders Deadline for Self-Rule Plan

By Steven R. Weisman

THE NEW YORK TIMES

NEW YORK

Secretary of State Colin L. Powell, responding to demands from France and others for a rapid timetable for self-rule in Iraq, said on Thursday that the United States would set a deadline of six months for Iraqi leaders working under the American-led occupation to produce a new constitution for their country.

The constitution, which would spell out whether Iraq should be governed by a presidential or parliamentary system, would clear the way for elections and the installation of a new leadership next year, Powell said. Not until then, he added, would the United States transfer authority from the American-led occupation to Iraq itself.

"We would like to put a deadline on them," Powell said in an interview with editorial writers, editors and reporters for *The New York Times*, referring to the Iraqi task of writing a constitution. "They've got six months. It'll be a difficult deadline to meet, but we've got to get them going."

Powell's establishment of a deadline, and his tone of urgency in general, came as the United States has tried

to satisfy France and other skeptics who charge that a quick turnover of power to Iraqis must be part of any Security Council resolution expanding U.N. authority in Iraq.

The United States has resisted a turnover of a month or months as suggested by France, arguing that granting authority to an un-elected Iraqi government would undercut its legitimacy in the eyes of the world. On Thursday, Powell went further, saying that remnants of the Saddam Hussein government and his Baath Party would lead a rebellion against such a government.

"These are ex-Baathists," Powell said of those carrying out violence. "They would go after an illegitimate government that does not enjoy the will of the people, just as easily as they would go after us." The Iraqi Governing Council, composed of leading Iraqi politicians, was appointed not elected.

The idea of a fixed time schedule is unlikely to be incorporated into the resolution, which is being negotiated, Powell said. But he said the general principle of events like the writing of a constitution, elections and an installation of new leadership may well be in the resolution.

The secretary's comments at *The New York Times* came on another

day of intensive negotiations to try to get support on the council for the resolution, which the United States is seeking as a crucial step to help persuade other countries to send troops and financial assistance to secure and rebuild Iraq.

Powell said he thought the last several days at the U.N. General Assembly had produced some progress on getting the backing of all 15 countries on the council, including France, the primary critic of the American approach.

The French demand that the turnover to Iraq be accomplished in a month, Powell said, was no longer even being discussed seriously at the council.

While rejecting the idea of an American-established timetable, Powell raised the possibility that the Iraqis themselves could set a timetable in the near future, and this itself could widen support for the resolution. The United States has asked the Iraqi leaders to say how long it would take to write a charter and conduct elections, he said.

"Now if they take forever to give us the answer to that question, then we've got a problem," Powell said. "But I think they'll give us an answer fairly quickly."

Dean Criticized by Opponents For Stance on Medicare Plan

By Adam Nagourney

THE NEW YORK TIMES

NEW YORK

The Democratic presidential candidates squabbled intensely over tax cuts, health care and trade policy at a debate here on Thursday night, trading often personal attacks but ignoring the newest entrant to the race, retired Gen. Wesley K. Clark.

The general stood on the sidelines for much of the night in the first debate of his new political career.

The third officially sanctioned debate of the Democratic presidential primary contest, at the downtown campus of Pace University, drew an unusual amount of attention because of the presence of Clark. The contingent of news media filled

a basement gymnasium, and the candidates — including Clark — arrived with huge entourages of aides and advisers.

But the general's debut — in which he swiftly sought to affirm his Democratic credentials — was quickly overshadowed by detailed and often sharp disagreements on defining issues like tax cuts among the nine Democrats for whom this has become an increasingly familiar exercise. It was Howard Dean — and not Clark — who drew the most fire on Thursday night.

In the sharpest exchange, Rep. Dick Gephardt invoked statements Dean, former governor of Vermont, had made in the mid-1990s in which Dean sided with congressional Republicans as they pushed for

reductions in the rate of growth of Medicare.

"When I was leading the fight against Newt Gingrich and the Contract With America, he was shutting the government down," said Gephardt, who is locked in a tough battle with Dean for support in Iowa. "Howard, you were agreeing with the very plan that Newt Gingrich wanted to pass, which was a \$270 billion cut in Medicare. Now, you've been saying for many months that you're the head of the Democratic wing of the Democratic Party. I think you're just winging it."

"That is flat-out false, and I'm ashamed that you would compare me with Newt Gingrich," said Dean. "Nobody up here deserves to be compared to Newt Gingrich."

WEATHER

Equinox Enjoyed by All

By David Flagg
STAFF METEOROLOGIST

At 6:37 a.m. EDT on Tuesday, Earth moved into its Autumnal Equinox position for the first time in just over a year. From all accounts, the equinox was received with much rejoicing and celebration. Celebration? Yes, because for just the second time this year, the entire planet could bask in 12 hours of sunlight. It's nice to know that twice a year we can all put aside our differences and share daylight with those less fortunate folks near the poles. The inequality returned soon thereafter, unfortunately, leaving the North Pole enveloped in twilight and darkness until March 20, 2004.

Locally, seasonally mild temperatures will continue through the weekend despite an approaching cold front on Sunday. Outdoor plans for Saturday should be fine, but plans for Sunday might need some reconsideration. Rain, perhaps heavy at times, will be accompanied by moderate southerly winds on Sunday. Clearing skies will ensue early next week, followed by slightly cooler temperatures more typical of early fall. Fall foliage will be at peak color this weekend in far northern New England and near peak in the Green and White Mountains.

Weekend Outlook:

Today: Becoming mostly sunny after morning clouds. High near 73°F (23°C).

Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Low near 60°F (16°C).

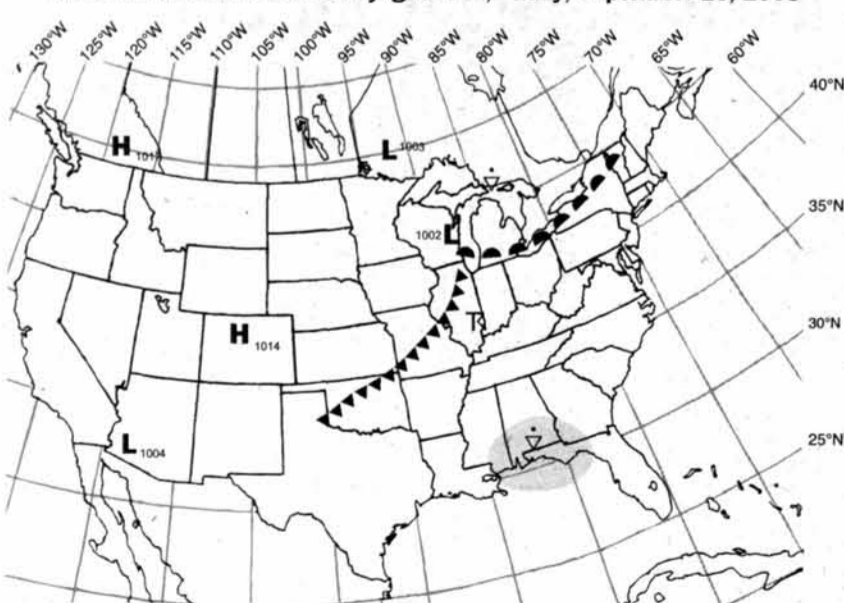
Tomorrow: Becoming overcast by afternoon. A slight chance of showers in the evening. High near 74°F (23°C).

Tomorrow night: Cloudy, showers becoming more likely by morning. Low near 60°F (16°C).

Sunday: Cloudy, rain likely. High near 70°F (21°C).

Monday: Still cloudy, but rain less likely. High around 69°F (21°C).

Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Friday, September 26, 2003



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Do-Not-Call Bill Struck Down By Judge, Passed by Congress

By Sheryl Stolberg
With Matt Richtel
THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

In a swift display of bipartisan unity Congress on Thursday overwhelmingly passed legislation aimed at allowing a national do-not-call registry against unwanted telemarketing to take effect next week as planned. But hours after the vote, which effectively rendered moot a federal judge's injunction against the registry, a second judge declared it a violation of free speech.

The new ruling was the latest twist in a confusing on-again off-again drama involving the registry which is intended to prevent unwanted telephone solicitation. Unless it is overturned by a higher court, the latest judicial decision effectively prevents the government from going ahead with the hugely popular federal program, which almost 50 million American households have signed up for.

Thursday's congressional measure was drafted in haste on

Wednesday after lawmakers learned of the first decision issued by a federal district judge in Oklahoma who ruled on the fairly narrow grounds that the registry could not go forward because Congress had not specifically authorized the right agency to run it.

The bill passed 95-0 in the Senate and 412-8 in the House. "Perhaps we should call this bill, the 'This Time We Really Mean It Act,'" declared Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., and chief House sponsor of the bill, "to cure any misunderstanding in the judicial branch."

President Bush is expected to quickly sign the measure. It gives the Federal Trade Commission the power to create and enforce the do-not-call list, something lawmakers thought they had already done but the judge said they hadn't.

But the second ruling issued by U.S. District Judge Edward Nottingham in Denver threw a more effective obstacle in the way of the registry — which allows political and charitable calls to continue

unimpeded — on the grounds that it discriminates against for-profit businesses. The judge wrote that "the Federal Trade Commission has chosen to entangle itself too much in the consumers' decision by manipulating consumer choice" by favoring charitable and political speech over that of commercial organizations.

Because the ruling came on broad constitutional grounds the future of the do-not-call program will probably not be settled in Congress, but in the courts. "Congress can't trump the Constitution," said Robert Corn-Revere, a lawyer for the American Teleservices Association, a trade group that brought the lawsuit in Denver. "If rules and laws are unconstitutional, they cannot be enforced."

The second ruling came after most lawmakers had gone home for the day. But congressional aides vowed to keep fighting to put the list in place, even as they acknowledged that they now have a bigger obstacle to overcome.

Justice Dept. Requests Dismissal Of Sept. 11 Case to Hasten Appeal

By Phillip Shenon
THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

The Justice Department announced on Thursday that it was willing to allow a federal trial judge to dismiss the indictment of Zacarias Moussaoui, the only person charged in an American court with conspiring in the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, in order to move the case into an appeals court where the charges could be quickly reinstated.

The department's announcement that it would not oppose a defense request for dismissal cleared the way for Judge Leonie M. Brinkema to throw out the case against Moussaoui as early as Friday.

The district judge in Alexandria, Va., had already signaled that she might have no other option because of the government's refusal to allow Moussaoui and his court-appointed lawyers to interview captured terrorists from al-Qaida who might provide valuable defense testimony.

While dismissal of the case would be an obvious symbolic blow to the Justice Department and its larger prosecution strategy against terrorists, the department insisted on Thursday that the prosecution of Moussaoui was far from over and that the government was hopeful that an appeals

court would allow the trial to proceed. The Justice Department is seeking the death penalty in the case, the highest-profile terrorist prosecution to result from the Sept. 11 attacks.

Bush administration officials have also made clear that if Moussaoui cannot be prosecuted in a civilian court because of the issue of defense witnesses, he will be moved to a military tribunal, where he may have fewer rights to seek testimony from the captured terrorists.

In a declaration filed on Wednesday and made public on Thursday by Brinkema, the Justice Department did not ask directly that the charges be dismissed, but it said that dismissal of the indictment was "the surest route for ensuring that the questions at issue here can promptly be presented to the 4th Circuit," a reference to the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va.

As a result, the department said, prosecutors "do not oppose" a request made this month by Moussaoui's court-appointed lawyers for the indictment to be thrown out.

In a separate statement released on Thursday, the department said dismissal of the case, followed by immediate review by the appeals court, "will allow the Department of Justice to resolve the impediments to

trial." It added: "We remain confident in the ability of our judicial system to try this case, and we look forward to bringing Mr. Moussaoui to justice."

In June, the 4th Circuit refused to intervene in the case to rule on the question of Moussaoui's access to defense witnesses, saying it was premature to act until after Brinkema had applied sanctions against the government over the issue, like dismissing the case.

In the months since, the Justice Department and defense lawyers have filed a series of court papers with Brinkema debating the witness issue and the appropriate punishment to impose on the government, and a ruling from the judge to dismiss the case or throw out some of the charges against Moussaoui had been thought imminent.

If and when the case returns to the 4th Circuit, the outcome of the appeal will likely help shape the government's prosecution strategy for terrorists for years to come, since many other Qaida members now in custody are expected, like Moussaoui, to demand testimony from terrorist colleagues.

The 4th Circuit is widely described as the most conservative appeals court in the nation.

Woman Accused of Adultery Will Not Be Executed, Nigerian Court Rules

By Somini Sengupta
THE NEW YORK TIMES

KATSINA, NIGERIA

Amina Lawal, the Nigerian peasant woman whose case became known worldwide after she was sentenced to death by stoning for adultery, was acquitted on Thursday by the highest Islamic court in her state.

A roar of approval swept through the small, sweltering courtroom when a five-member panel of judges ruled 4-1 to overturn Lawal's conviction in a case that had heaped worldwide opprobrium on Nigeria, Africa's most populous country and one in which the split between Muslims and Christians has become increasingly sharp.

Her veiled head bowed, Lawal sat quietly, holding in her lap what had been cited as the chief evidence of her crime: her daughter, Wasila, now almost 2. Lawal was to be executed as soon as she had finished weaning the child.

When Judge Ibrahim Mai-Unguwa finished his 60-minute recitation of the panel's ruling, Wasila let out an earsplitting wail, as if to signal her relief.

Later in the day came cries of relief from distant corners of the world. Both Italy and Brazil had offered asylum to Lawal.

Mother and child were ushered into a side room immediately after the ruling and escorted out of the courtroom under heavy police guard.

Hauwa Ibrahim, one of Lawal's attorneys, beamed as she stepped out of the courtroom. "It is a victory for justice, it is a victory for the law, it is a victory for freedom," she said. "Amina is free today."

Lawal was sentenced under Shariah, or Islamic law, which has swept across the country's largely Muslim north over the last three years. Human rights groups condemned her sentence as a violation of international treaties against torture, to which Nigeria is a signatory.

The defense argued that death by stoning is not allowed under the Nigerian constitution.

Thursday's ruling relieves Nigeria's president, Olusegun Obasanjo, a born-again Christian from the Yoruba region in the south, from having to intervene directly. Obasanjo had said that the country's constitution would ultimately spare Lawal's life, a possibility that carried the potential for antagonizing his country's largely Muslim, ethnic Hausa north.

Ethnic violence is estimated to have killed some 10,000 Nigerians since 1999. Home to 120 million people, Nigeria is Africa's most populous country; as one of the world's biggest oil exporters, it is also a key economic and political ally of the United States.

Lawal's March 2002 conviction for adultery was overturned on Thursday by the Katsina State Shariah Court of Appeals, largely on the basis of technicalities in the application of Islamic law.

Bush Presses Lawmakers To Resolve Disputes Over Medicare

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

President Bush intervened Thursday in talks on a Medicare drug bill, trying to galvanize negotiations that have been slowed by deep disagreements between Republicans from the House and the Senate.

After a meeting with lawmakers, Bush said, "The sentiment was optimistic." He said he believed that they could agree on a comprehensive Medicare bill before Congress adjourned this year.

House and Senate negotiators have set an ambitious schedule, calling for them to complete work on the bill by Oct. 17. But some lawmakers say the goal is unrealistic, since the conferees have scarcely begun to tackle the hardest issues.

Lawmakers knew that Republicans and Democrats had profound ideological disagreements over the role of government and private health plans in Medicare. But they said they had been surprised to see the stark differences among Republican members of the conference committee trying to reconcile bills passed by the House and Senate.

"There's an interesting chasm between House conservatives and Senate conservatives," said a Republican involved in the negotiations.

Music Industry in Europe and Asia Also Battles File Sharing

THE NEW YORK TIMES

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

Hang around any schoolyard in Germany or college campus in Indonesia and it becomes clear that the recording industry's problems with the illegal online distribution of music in the United States pale beside the rampant piracy that goes on overseas.

From factories in Taiwan and Eastern Europe that churn out counterfeit CDs to teenagers in Scandinavia and Singapore who download songs from the Internet and "burn" them on to blank discs, the line between legitimate and pirated music has all but vanished in many countries.

Music executives abroad are scrutinizing the American industry's legal campaign against people who share files on the Internet. But many doubt such tactics would work in their countries, given the relative weakness of laws protecting copyrights and the near-ubiquity of the activity.

"People in their 60s are burning CDs at home," said Gerd Gebhardt, the chairman of the German Phonographic Industry Association. "Housewives, who should be cooking, are burning. It's not like we can go after 80-year-old men or 12-year-old kids. We have to find the right approach."

Gebhardt hopes the German music industry will bring its first lawsuit against a file sharer in a few months. In the meantime, it is trying to win back the public through sympathy rather than subpoenas.

Peace Agreement Reached In Sudan

THE NEW YORK TIMES

NAIVASHA, KENYA

One of Africa's longest-running and deadliest wars took a major turn toward peace on Thursday as the government of Sudan agreed to withdraw most of its troops from the rebel-held south of the country and begin integrating its soldiers with those of the rebels in a unified army.

The accord between the government and the Sudan People's Liberation Army will take years to come to fruition, even without setbacks. Still, the security agreement signed on Thursday at this Kenyan resort was heralded as the most significant step toward peace since fighting broke out in 1983.

On a continent torn by nasty conflicts, the war in Sudan has long stood out as particularly vicious.

Two million people, mostly civilians, have died from bullets and bombs as well as war-induced disease and famine. Those who have survived have faced untold suffering in a country that is rich in oil resources but nevertheless as poor as any on the continent.

The religious dimension of the conflict — the north is Islamic and most of the southern rebels belong to the Christian and animist minorities — has turned the war into a pet cause of many religious conservatives in the United States. African-Americans have focused their outrage on the practice by government-backed militias of taking southerners into forced servitude.

Energy Bill Likely to Have Protection on Gasoline Additives

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

Lawmakers and industry lobbyists said on Thursday that they expect the emerging energy measure to provide liability protection for producers of a gasoline additive blamed for groundwater contamination as the chief negotiators said they would like to conclude the energy talks by next week.

Though Republicans writing the bill were differing over details of how to safeguard manufacturers of methyl tertiary butyl ether, or MTBE, from lawsuits, those close to the negotiations said the final proposal would likely grant the protection sought by key House Republicans with refineries in their districts.

A memo circulated on Thursday by the Oxygenated Fuels Association, which represents MTBE producers, said it was "clear" that the liability provisions sought by the House would be included, though it was less certain whether the bill would establish a timetable for an outright ban on the chemical as sought by the Senate. House members argue that the question of a ban should be left to the states.

Granting the MTBE producers protection from suits over costs associated with cleanup of the chemical would provide critics of the measure with another focal point since some members of Congress and conservation groups consider the liability protection an unwarranted benefit to companies that should bear responsibility for their product.

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Throughout history flags have served as important symbols. Following September 11, American flags flew everywhere as a symbol of national unity. Many consider the right to wear or fly a flag as an extension of a citizen's constitutional right to freedom of speech.

Editorial

Yet the issue of flags has recently become a controversial topic on campus following the forced removal of Sidney-Pacific resident Jonathan A. Goler G's Israeli flag hanging outside the window of his dormitory room. In response to a complaint by a fellow resident, Goler was asked to remove the flag by House Manager Dennis J. Collins. When Goler refused, Karen A. Nilsson, director of housing, suggested that eviction may be a possible course of action. Further developments in this political soap opera have since appeared in *The Tech*, and the issue has been a hot topic on campus. Goler has since moved his flag to the inside of his window, an action that Nilsson deems an acceptable compromise to what she considers a safety hazard posed by hanging any flag outside of a dormitory window.

While it is obvious that the situation has been clouded with political overtones since day one, the issue at hand is not the politics of Israel, or of Canada (as copycats have recently demonstrated). This incident exemplifies a recurring theme in the way the MIT administration deals with conflicts that often arise on campus — by reactionary measures that inconsistently change existing rules to provide a "quick-fix."

Instead of finding rational solutions to the problem at hand,

rules across the board are changed to accommodate one particular situation. Given that flags have been flying at Bexley for at least a few years, it is highly doubtful that flags hanging outside of dormitory windows were on the top of MIT's safety concerns prior to the complaint brought against Goler. Rational heads, clear channels of communication, and effective organization down the chain of command should have prevented extreme measures across the board. While the timing of Goler's situation (it happened in early summer rather than the school year) made communication with relevant parties difficult, a less extreme and more thoughtful solution to the problem within Sidney-Pacific could have been found.

Worse still, the hype surrounding flags outside of windows has left little, if any, room for appeal. In theory, each dormitory is entirely responsible for its own building regulations. While flying a flag outside of a window may be in violation of Sidney-Pacific's existing poster rules, the incident has led to the enforcement of this rule at other dormitories, some of which did not have preexisting regulations. If one could provide a clear case against the safety threat posed by hanging a flag outside of a window, he or she should be allowed the power to appeal to his or her house government and request that, given these reasons, the rule should be changed.

In future, these debates should be decided by those with clear heads and through the proper channels. It is our responsibility as a community to make sure that these lines of communication always remain open.

Jeremy Baskin has recused himself from this editorial.



Errata

A listing Friday of seven steps required to receive approval to consume alcoholic drinks in dormitory lounges and other common areas. ["Public Alcohol Event Registration Steps"] incompletely described one step. An alcohol license from the City of Cambridge is only required if alcoholic drinks are being sold.

The associated article ["Alcohol Procedure Enforced"] misstated one word in the name of the city government agency principally responsible for issuing licenses. It is the Cambridge License Commission, not the Cambridge Licensing Commission.

An opinion column Tuesday ["A Belgian Painter and the Flag Debate"] misspelled the given name of a graduate student who has hung an Israeli flag out of his dormitory window and disregarded Housing Office requests to remove it. He is Jonathan A. Goler G, not Jonathon.

The column also misstated the title and year of a Rene Magritte painting depicting a pipe and the words "Ceci n'est pas une pipe" (This is Not a Pipe). The title is, "La Trahison des Images" (The Treachery of Images), not "Ceci n'est pas une pipe." It was painted in 1928 or 1929, not in 1926.

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Resurrecting Death

Shefali Oza

The governor of Massachusetts, Republican Mitt Romney, is about to send this state plummeting backwards from sound progress made over the last couple of decades. As if his recent funding cuts for essential state services weren't bad enough, he now wants to reinstate the death penalty.

I have met many people who think of the death penalty debate in the same terms as they think of the abortion debate: passionate and heated, but, above all, endless. I would have to agree with the first two, but looking at the trends throughout the world, it appears that the debate is definitely not endless.

According to Amnesty International figures, 112 countries have abolished the death penalty. Each year more and more countries join that list. Nearly all human rights organizations and many other international groups and leaders condemn the death penalty as a major human rights violation.

In spite of this, not only does America continue executions, but the current administration encourages them. In 2001, America ranked among the top four countries to execute prisoners, according to Amnesty International. China, Saudi Arabia, Iran, and America accounted for 90 percent of executions in that year. In addition, only seven countries have executed child offenders in the last 13 years, and America leads the other six (Congo, Iran, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, and Yemen) in numbers executed. We are condemned by most of the international community because of this record. We should be ashamed of these statistics. Instead, our governor is attempting to join the ranks of countries the United States itself condemns as major human rights violators for a broad range of issues.

I can see no use for the death penalty in this, or any other, nation. Claims that the

death penalty is an effect tool for deterrence are unfounded. No evidence has been provided to support this claim. In fact, police chiefs surveyed in 1995 stated that the death penalty was an ineffective tool for law enforcement. In terms of logic, it seems much more evident that people would be deterred from committing crimes because of an immediate prison sentence rather than a more abstract death penalty, which takes several years before being used.

Others think that the death penalty is cheaper. This economic argument for using the death penalty is just not true. Life terms in prison are, in fact, much cheaper for the state. Due process is quite expensive and can cost a state millions of dollars more than if the person was kept in jail for life.

I have heard many supporters of the death penalty say that it is an effective way to remove a menace from society. I cannot see how prison is any less effective. Massachusetts, for instance, has life without parole as an option for punishment. Do we really need to kill someone to ensure that they may no longer commit harm? Not only does that seem entirely unnecessary, but it seems to follow the notions of "original sin," as a friend of mine recently mentioned.

One of the major reasons many oppose the death penalty is because of the possibility that innocent people may be executed. This is an appalling possibility and should be enough to clear death row. Indeed, Governor Ryan of Illinois did just that earlier this year when he emptied everyone from death row in that state because of recent evidence that innocent people may be executed. And before you make the argument that a few innocent people may have to die to ensure justice for all, I would ask how you would feel if you were on death row for a crime you did not commit. Would we change our minds if we were in the shoes of

the person we are willing to condemn to execution?

While many people may not agree with the moral arguments against the death penalty, I think these are the most moving and valid. We are executing someone for committing murder. Therefore, we are stating that taking away someone's life without their permission is an awful crime. So instead, we as a society take away this criminal's right to live also. I cannot think of a more hypocritical action by the state. Many have argued that a crime of such magnitude is enough to take away that person's right to live. But who are we to decide that? Twelve members of a jury, a few lawyers and judges should have permission to take away another person's life?

We explain such actions by the all-encompassing word: justice. However, what kind of justice is it when a state executes a prisoner? The victim will not come back to life. Instead, we are just adding another dead body. And for what? A sense of satisfaction that such a criminal is off the face of this earth? Is that satisfaction really worth it? It seems rather sadistic, in a way. We trump around stating that the ability to forgive is a virtue. And yet we are so quick to condemn people to death. I'm not saying forgive all criminals and let them go free. But it seems quite hypocritical, unnecessary, and, indeed, unethical to kill another person for a sense of "justice."

Romney's determination to reinstate the death penalty is especially important considering the history of the death penalty in Massachusetts. Although officially abolished in 1984, the last execution by the state was in 1947. Massachusetts is one of 12 states to have abolished the death penalty, although many other states do not use it in practice.

Perhaps we do not have much to fear. Four republican governors in the last twelve years have attempted to reinstate the death penalty in Massachusetts and have failed. However, this is not a chance I am willing to take. If Romney succeeds in his goal, Massachusetts will have taken a major step backwards in terms of human rights. We need to act quickly and let Romney know that his standards are unacceptable for a modern era.

Shefali Oza is a member of the class of 2004.

The Howard Dean Appeal

Joseph Duncan

Earlier this year when I first read of Howard Dean on an online discussion board, I had mixed emotions about his candidacy. On the one hand, reading his policy statements gave me hope for a better America; a country that lived up to its founding ideals of freedom and justice for all, not just a select few, a country that was again in the hands of everyday Americans, a country that once again invoked friendly responses from foreign nationals, a country that was all of these things and more. Balancing this, however, was my deep cynicism built on recent history in American politics. Would Dean just be another McCain and lose the primary to the "party's candidate"? Even worse, would he successfully win the primary and then lose like Dukakis? Despite these doubts, the potential I saw in Dean inspired me to co-found MIT for Dean, a student group dedicated to promoting his presidential candidacy. Over the last six months I have steadily become more confident that Dean can in fact change the shape of American politics and win in 2004. Here are my reasons why.

Despite the extreme liberal light that most media outlets seem to be painting him in right now, Dean is a moderate. He does not support further federal gun control. Any additional gun restrictions would be unique to situations in different states; therefore they should retain the right to decide on any such legislation individually. He supports returning the power to create tailored and appropriate education policies to the states instead of mandating nationwide standards and then utterly failing to fund them.

Dean's stance on gun control is essentially a Republican ideal and has already earned him an "A" rating from the NRA. This goes a long way toward winning what can often be single-issue states in middle America. His education policy and general philosophy of returning power to the states is perfectly aligned with traditional Republican ideals. Add to this his absolute priority of balancing the budget and it is easy to understand why groups like Republicans for Dean (<http://republicansfordean.blogspot.com/>) are sprouting up all over the country.

Moving away from these truly moderate

policies, Dean has liberal viewpoints in all the policy areas that matter. He supports granting civil union rights to same-sex couples who have long been denied this basic equality. He wants to provide health care for all Americans, thus fixing the moral disgrace that is the 41 million Americans currently unable to access this basic liberty. He took a stance (sadly regarded as a liberal one) in opposition to the war in Iraq right from the beginning, demanding that the Bush administration successfully pursue multilateral solutions on all issues of worldwide importance. All of the other leading Democratic candidates either voted to authorize President Bush to go to war or have stated they would have had they been in a position to vote. Dean's health care plan will cost less than one third of Bush's tax cuts. How many Americans would rather have health care guaranteed for all even if it cost the entirety of Bush's tax cuts? It's also worth noting that the yearly cost is roughly equivalent to the \$87B requested by the Bush administration to continue operations in Iraq.

Dean does not appear as an extreme left candidate within the ever growing group of Democratic nominee hopefuls now that all the other major candidates have changed their positions on the critical issues mentioned above. Since Dean's entrance into the race, all major Democratic candidates now support a form of universal health care, the claim that the war in Iraq was wrong, and civil unions for same-sex couples.

If Dean's liberal policies are shared by all the candidates then why is he the best guy for the job? There are two parts to the answer for that question. The short one is that Dean's particular implementation proposals across the board are better thought out and more likely to materialize. More importantly though, Dean, while maintaining the ability to campaign to moderate voters, has by far the largest capacity to moti-

vate the 50% of Americans who have either stopped voting completely, or began voting for third party candidates, to vote in 2004. The incredible progress of the Dean campaign, beginning with Internet discussions and grassroots meeting, has utterly dominated all other campaigns to this point. In March of this year, polling in New Hampshire placed Dean at 11 percent, behind Kerry (38 percent) and Lieberman (20 percent). By late August, Dean had shot ahead to 38%, 21 points ahead of Kerry and 32 points ahead of Lieberman. His campaign has attracted a previously unheard of volume of donations with an average donation well under \$100.

Dean's exceptional record as governor of Vermont is further evidence that it's not all just talk. During his 12-year tenure, he managed to cut taxes at the same time as creating a substantial budget surplus that has survived to leave Vermont as only one of two states still in the black. Simultaneously, he implemented policy guaranteeing health care to all Vermont residents under the age of 18 and led the country in granting the right to civil unions for same-sex couples.

Howard Dean has the ability to capture moderate swing voters. He has the power to motivate everyday Americans to take their country back. He has the skills and experience necessary to run America. The 5,000 supporters at his rally in Boston on Tuesday experienced firsthand why Howard Dean will be the next President of the United States when he said, "With mouse pads, shoe leather and hope, we are building an American community strong enough to take on the power of money in politics and deliver the White House to its rightful owners — We the People."

Joseph Duncan '04 is president of the MIT for Dean student group.

Food for Criticism

Ruth Miller

If you don't like something that happens, how do you formulate your response? If someone bumps into you on the sidewalk, do you write it off as unintentional and let it go? If someone cuts in front of you in a line, do you get frustrated but take it as them being petty? Does your response vary with the offender's intent? If a person takes something that belongs to you, what do you do? If someone takes something that belongs to your hall, what do you do? Does your response vary with the size of the group affected?

These are crazy times we live in today, and there is a lot of crazy stuff going on: the Israel/Palestine issue, African civil wars, Gulf War II: Attack of the Clones, LSU's upset that destroyed the University of Georgia's hopes for a national championship. Everyday decisions are being made that are literally writing history. These decisions represent compromises

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between often polar perspectives, and no compromise is universally welcome.

Times, they are a changin', but something else has, too: the voice of public opinion. When did speaking up become "fighting the system"? It's been argued that the American Civil Liberties Union is fading away because they no longer have the civil rights movement to champion, and that their campaign for freedom of speech is trivial. A group that defended the Bill of Rights during the 60's, the ACLU is facing a formidable enemy in the USA Patriot Act and its "whoever smelt it, dealt it" approach. It's not popular any more to stick it to the man, and the politically correct approach has become silence.

Silence is boring.

Look at music. In the early 90's, there were lots of issues going on that affected people very strongly and many artists put this into their work. Nirvana produced anthems for the middle children of history. The West Coast/East Coast rivalry in rap, though deadly, was pivotal in the emergence of a new genre of music because it capitalized on an issue and made people care. Rage Against the Machine's album Battle of Los Angeles is a compellation of battle anthems, and whether or not you were there at the time, you can still feel the power and meaning in soul of each song.

What happened to these artists? Nirvana didn't survive to see 1995. Rap artists have moved on to themes such as playa haters, hos, and their shoes. Rage Against the Machine disbanded, and regrouped to form Audioslave, an excellent band, but one with a more passive, lovelorn tone. Then emo emerged, a genre devoted entirely to songs you can sing to yourself alone in the car driving away from a bad breakup. Songs that break the top 20 these days are typically love songs. Music as a forum for discussion is losing its grip.

Do we live in less controversial times today? Most definitely not. So what's the difference? Why is society leaning toward silent dissent? Are we that afraid to offend?

There are two types of people in the world: the guy that walks into the gas station waving a knife and robbing everyone and the patient clerk who takes abuse from every person that walks into his store until he finally snaps and kills everyone in the store.

If something frustrates you, talk about it. This applies to more than just roommates. If someone is just being obnoxious for the sake of being obnoxious, calling them on it will probably make them stop. If someone is being obnoxious for the sake of personal gain, like many politicians these days, call them on it, too. Write to them, write to your newspaper, write to their opponent. There are as many forums for discussion as there are things to discuss.

The only great thing about politics is if something isn't going well, the system will reinvent itself to correct that problem. But this only works if people are willing to admit that others have made mistakes.

FEATURES

Positive Sinking

Chew on This

By Akshay Patil
FEATURES COLUMNIST

Nov. 2002 Prevention magazine reported that chewing gum may rev up short-term and long-term memory by as much as 35% (Based on a 75-person British study, reported in Appetite, June 1, 2002).

It also says that chewing gum increases one's heart rate, which boosts blood flow to the brain. It may also stimulate insulin production.

Conclusion: chew while you learn — study participants remembered the most if they chewed before, during and after seeing the words they were later tested on.

— adolan

Isn't it warm, fuzzy research like this that makes you so glad that you go to such a prestigious place like the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where you too can do amazing cutting-edge research? I know it does for me.

In fact, it even makes me want to do a little experiment of my own. Sadly, the wondrous result that "self-dating" really is good for you (reduces the chance of prostate cancer!) has already been verified, so I must come up some new amazing idea while I sit here at my computer, left to my own devices.

Haha! Did you see that? Like the witty, "self-dating" —> "left to my own devices"? That's the sort of quality humor we here at Positive Sinking like to promote. So next time you're in a fresh produce aisle, remember, "If it's not Positive Sinking, it won't make fun of your thing." (And by "thing," I mean jellyfish)

Well, no amazing ideas for experimentation have popped into mind — I contemplated urging all of you to do something ruthlessly absurd, but given this is MIT and my sad insecurity about my reader base, I'm scared that not a soul would do anything and I'd once again begin to question why it is I spend my Wednesday afternoons indoors writing this silly piece of stream-of-consciousness when I could be outside doing fun stuff like reading poetry or beating nuns.

Note: the author of this column does not condone the beating of nuns... nuns are nice people, as far as the author can tell, though the

author is not sure, having never really talked to a nun, as far as the author can remember.

Nuns do, however, look remarkably like penguins if you squint your eyes really hard, and as far as the author is concerned, looking like penguins is never a bad thing. In fact, the decision of the author to even SAY "nun beating" was because of the fleeting desire to make an absurdly obscure allusion to a "Bloom County" comic strip printed on March 27, 1982, which actually, upon review, refers to "husband beating." It may sound strange to you, but this sort of thing is quite common really.

Well, now that I've exhausted the 100-plus word rants that were sitting around in my head concerning masturbation and nun beating (haha! there it is again!), I guess I should probably get around to saying something very meaningful about the astonishing facts you have just presented me with.

The British have a magazine called Appetite? That's amazing! Isn't this the country that is renowned all the world over for having horrible food? Not that I can personally testify to this fact, as the last time I was under the Union Jack was many many years ago, but I certainly don't see many "British Cuisine" restaurants around here.

And Britons are people who, according to alert reader Akhil Shashidhar, call a certain cereal "Honey Nut Loops" (for those of you wondering, yes, I did copy and paste his last name from the e-mail message). But you know, if you read that out loud in a thick British accent, it'd probably sound better than "Honey Nut Cheerios" because everything just sounds that much better when pronounced in a foreign accent.

That's why all of us should learn to speak with a Canadian accent... just do it, eh?

Do you think it's painfully obvious that Positive Sinking is already running low on things to write about? Do you have a differing opinion on the matter of nun beating? Send e-mail to sinking@mit.edu and add some sanity to the madness. The horror, the horror.

Ask Nutty B

By Nutty B
FEATURES COLUMNIST

Nutty B is currently a graduate student at MIT, and this is his first attempt ever to be (or pretending to be) an advice columnist. Please e-mail him with whatever question you would like someone to listen to, and help him have an excuse to procrastinate at 3:00 a.m. Please send all questions to askNuttyB@yahoo.com.

Dear Nutty B,

I have this roommate that does not wash his dishes and just piles of plates and bowls in the kitchen sink. I don't know what to do anymore. I don't want to confront him and hurt our friendship, but I just can't stand our kitchen being so dirty. What should I do?

—Frustrated

Dear Frustrated,

Simple. You take all the dishes and bowls from the sink and put them either on your roommate's desk or in front of his door. It depends on the layout of the room and your level of rage.

I used to live with a dirty pig, too. So I totally understand how you feel. I used to have to wear my military uniform and get my disci-

plinary baton and leather whip once a week to make sure the other guy knew who was the master what were the consequences for being a naughty, dirty boy.

Whenever there is a conflict, the best way, at least initially, is to talk it out with the other party. You may find it difficult to say the words in person, but how about sending him an e-mail or leaving him a note kindly asking him to clean up after he finishes using the kitchen? Everyone deserves at least a warning. Perhaps your roommate has no idea what he does bothers you. Maybe he still thinks he is the cleanest person in the world.

Try talking with him first. And if it still doesn't work, I have my baton and handcuff you can borrow!

Dear Nutty B,

Sometimes I just feel so alone. I feel I have no one to talk to, or if I talk to someone, nobody really understands me. Am I just weird or my life is just boring?

—Sophia

Dear Sophia,

Trust me, your life can't be as boring as mine. Look at me! I have nothing else more

interesting to do than writing this response to you at 2:00 a.m.!

You feel you have no one to talk to? Have you tried inventing a friend? You see, my computer — "Julio" — sometimes talks to me when I am bored. He has been a great company so far.

Perhaps you should create some voices in your head so you are constantly with someone? One of my buddies has several voices in his head and he never complains about a lack of company! Of course I usually run into him debating with himself on which voice to listen to.

Friendship doesn't come instantaneously. A good friendship takes time to build. It has nothing to do with you being weird or your life being boring. It simply means you should open your heart to more people and to the possibility of finding a genuine friend.

Talk to your family when you are alone. Speak with your roommate when you just need someone to listen. Ask your professors for advice when you are lost.

People are always around and they are usually not as scary as we think they are. Good luck!

UA Q&A

By Harel Williams
and Rose Grabowski

UA COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dear UA,

I've heard certain people describe your column as "fluffy" and "vapid." How would you respond to such an accusation?

—UA Go-Away

Ooh, that one hurt, but I guess we must answer it despite the fact that one of the writers is crouched, crying in the corner (you can guess which one).

We try to deliver as much content as possible and keep it semi-entertaining at the same time. If people read it because they think it is funny, great. If they read it because they think it is ridiculous, well, we're still conveying information to them as well.

But if people use it to line their bird cage, at least it is serving a useful purpose. Once again, we always appreciate a little constructive criticism.

Dear UA,

Last Monday on our "Student Holiday" I saw a bunch of administrators, like the Chancellor and some deans, load into a SafeRide and takeoff into the distance. Was there some sort of Dean Jamboree going on in Boston or something? And why wasn't I invited?

—Dean Mean Fighting Machine

Unfortunately, there wasn't a Dean Jamboree — though maybe we can get that going next year.

However, there was an event on Monday called the Chancellor's Summit where administrators such as Chancellor Clay and Dean Benedict met with student leaders to discuss issues on communication and collaboration on campus. Student representatives from the UA, GSC, ASA, IFC, Panhel, LGC, and DormCon were invited to participate.

This event will lead to more collaboration between the administration and students, as well as among the student government organizations themselves.

A new council that has yet to be official named has also been formed to serve as a communications body comprised of all the different student government organizations in order to strengthen our representation and resolve.

Dear UA,

It seems like MIT students have no political influence in the Boston area. Do the Cambridge City Councillors even know that we exist? First of all, the Sunday prohibition thing has to go; why can't I hit the bottle when I want? I feel like we should be able to get together with students from other colleges to get our ideas out there, but how can we do this?

—Absolut Representation

Funny you should ask! Just this summer, a group called the Boston Intercollegiate Government came into being. Representatives from Bentley, BC, BU, NU, MIT, Suffolk, and other area colleges come together regularly to discuss student issues and plan ways to get Boston area students more involved in the community.

On Sept. 13, they held an event at which Mayor Menino and Congressman Barney Frank came and spoke to the representatives. Hopefully, this group will continue to expand its influence and serve student interest.

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Blind Date: Short Asian Girl Robs the Cradle, Meets Arrogance Incarnate

By Devdoot Majumdar

STAFF WRITER

I am simply the master of unfounded judgments on people. It is what I do, what I thrive on, as if I secretly crave to be the STD-smorgasbord of a sorority chick who knows all and judges all. Almost daily I can be found saying something along the lines of, "She's not good enough for him." So, I decided to turn it into a column. Enter Anne E. Lee '04 and Colin Weltin-Wu '04, two moderately close friends of mine.

Anne, seductress of the petite Asian sort, is in one word, an aspirant. Maybe it's the Course XIV degree. Maybe it's the \$200 rabbit-based gloves she sports. Maybe it's the fact that she reads *The Economist* as voraciously as she does *Maxim*, as both provide potent conversational fodder. But in utmost sincerity, she splendidly evades the nondescript stature that many in her demographic pay tribute to — she hasn't even changed the default ring tone on her cell phone.

And then there's Colin. Of the seniors at MIT, most are entirely unaware of him, some are endeared by his nasal wit, a great few genuflect to his genius, and the remaining many acknowledge his very existence with a hearty shrug. To his credit, however, he is an aspiring underwear model, and he almost met Russell Crowe once. I've always told Colin that despite his vague repugnance, he is the kind of person you keep in the Rolodex just in case.

At precisely 5:30 p.m. this past Saturday, Anne had zipped into her black dress, poured on the eye shadow, and replaced her ostensibly trendy eyewear with contacts. Ahead of her lay an uncertain evening of cradle-robbing with the most self-assured 19-year old this side of frat country. And only 20 minutes later, flowerless, tieless, but not zitless, Colin shows up in a pink collared t-shirt, well over a foot taller than Anne (inclusive of the Asian-girl heel compensation factor).

They head towards Masa, a respectably expensive Southern fusion restaurant in the South End, which is a block down from the play they are to see, "Master of the (Miss) Universe," the tale of a gay Filipino man who enters the world of Venezuelan beauty pageants.

The food at Masa, costing roughly \$75 for the both of them, was "fine dining" to Anne, but only "somewhat decent" to Colin, whose bourgeois taste is more suited to an evening at Spago's with a Kevin Spacey sighting included. He had shrimp, and she salmon, but somehow the meal managed to take three hours, which Colin attributed to her incredibly slow eating habits.

At the close of dinner came the one romantic act of the night — they shared dessert. And in "Little Mermaid" fashion, just as Sebastian has the fish frolicking and the whipporwills blowing to get him to "kiss the girl" when the boat suddenly capsizes, Colin and Anne's one attempt at romance gets extinguished with the entrance of "two bleached-blond, trashy, old" Joan Rivers lookalikes, according to Anne.

Unbeknownst to the couple, Jina Kim '06, photographer of *The Tech*, was waiting outside the restaurant during the whole date with "an extreme telephoto lens ... like the bazooka of cameras," says Colin. And when the pair of Joans discovered Jina outside, they stormed in to greet Colin and Anne and deluged

them with their effusive awe at love before menopause. Anne was suitably "horrified."

With a three hour dinner, their plans to explore the gay Filipino pageant scene were dashed, as they missed the play. Skilled in providing 'alternate plans' on dates, however, Colin decided it would be nice to have Anne change into something more comfortable. Anne, from Maryland and thereby geographically insecure, admired this quality and called it "Californian."

After getting her back to Baker to change clothes, they were off to Sidney-Pacific to further explore their lackluster romantic possibilities. She talked about her parents, he talked about his underwear ads, and they watched the "Lilo & Stitch" sequel. This was a common date activity for Colin, who does a "fantastic Stitch impression," raved Anne. Our recounting of the evening ends there, roughly.

Here, we face our problem. Blind dates are inherently bad. Blind dates involving mutual friends are even worse, as I tend to dominate the conversation in absentia. Blind dates intended to be ridiculed in *The Tech* — well, let's just say that takes a certain amount of

chutzpah. But the redeeming factor is the post-date analysis. So I can explain to you, my reader, why I think Colin is a jackass.

Let's take for example their perceptions of each other. The first thing Anne noticed about Colin was his pink shirt, which she found dashing in a "not afraid to say, 'I'm confused'" way. On the other hand, the first thing

Colin noticed about Anne was that "she's Asian," which he also named as the worst thing about her. This was not a match made in heaven — she never dates Asian guys (or dorm boys, for that matter), and he never dates Asian girls.

While she salivated at the J. Crew pink shirt, he was a bit less enthused with her attire, which I admittedly helped to pick out. "So if you're a short Asian girl, you've got to try really hard not to look like a short Asian girl. If you're a short Asian girl, you don't wear blue eyeshadow, because you know every other short Asian girl wears blue eyeshadow," he said.

Colin elaborated "If you're a white girl you can get away with a lot more."

As far as conversation, both were evidently on autopilot. Colin called the conversation "fluffy" and Anne called it "frothy." He also complained that she lacked passion. "I guess it's really hard when you're an econ major. It's like, wow I'm going to go fucking read the *Wall Street Journal* this morning!"

Finally — and this is just for the record — I wanted to clearly establish that I think Colin is the quintessential arrogant jackass. First, there is the matter of a party the night before the date, the success of which he extolled no less than four times on the date. Secondly, there is no doubt that at least some part of his mountainous self-worth comes from his inexhaustible ability to get women.

Even during our interview, after the date, he received a phone call, "Dinner? Tonight's not good. Yeah, I figured you have 5-7 cheerleading. ... This week's been very busy of course because of the party. It was fabulous ..."

Finally, I am entirely befuddled as to what kind of guy can find a girl "extremely attractive" while at the same time maintaining an almost religious edict to avoid the wiles of the Asian woman.

For her part, Anne had a decent time. Somewhat incensed after I compared her to Hamlet's mother Gertrude, she readily admits that Colin is "cute" but "somewhat vapid." She considers his late arrival for the date "mildly inconsiderate," but for the record, she is not really a pushover, wishing Colin "a lifetime of colorectal polyps." Get it? Colin. Colon. Colorectal!

Regardless, my first attempt at matchmaking failed miserably. But rest assured, there are many more dates to come. If you're looking for love, or just a hookup, please let me know.

If you're an undergrad, grad, or staff; if you have a friend who needs a little pick-me-up; if you're ready for a new relationship, I promise I will deliver the remedy. The Tech pays for the date, and all you have to do is give me a separate interview afterwards. So, if you're interested (and I promise I will be much nicer to you than I was to Anne and Colin), send me an e-mail at devdoot@mit.edu.



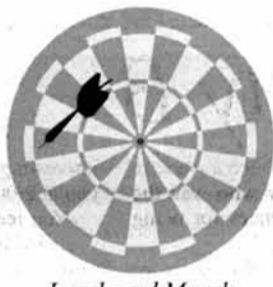
JINA KIM—THE TECH

Anne E. Lee '04 and Colin Weltin-Wu '04 share a laugh on their blind date.

Blind Date Recap



Name: Anne E. Lee
Class of 2004; Course 14,18
From: Rockville, MD



Loveboard Moral:
Never set up an Asian girl
with a guy who hates them.



Name: Colin Weltin-Wu
Class of 2004; Course 6
From: Berkeley, CA

We asked each person to answer these four questions. Then we asked them to answer the question for the other person.

HER OPINION (HIS RESPONSE)

What kind of person is your type?

"I want to like the nice guy but I never do. He has to read too." ("Really outgoing, very attractive, and makes strong moves")

HIS OPINION (HER RESPONSE)

"Someone very physically fit. She has to speak many languages, she has to be able to hold an intelligent conversation about something she knows nothing about and an analytical mind." ("Sporty and immature.")

What kind of car best represents your sex drive?

"I want to be a little red Porsche convertible." ("A shitty American car ... no, make that a rice rocket")

"Bagati" ("Mini Cooper")

What kind of "look" are you going for?

"I have no look." ("She wants to look chic.")

"Laid back." ("Kind of preppy, sporty. Pretty in pink.")

Would you go on another date with him/her?

"Sure, perhaps I can offer him some of my Proactiv Solution." ("I have zits.")

"Sure. I would find something she'd like to do. Maybe she'd like shooting squirrels, so I'd say 'Hey, let's go shoot squirrels.' It would be getting to know each other better." ("That is so MIT.")

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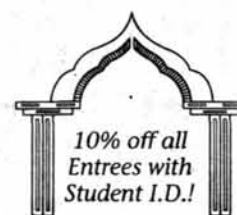
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Sept. 28 - Ellen Frank: THE ETHICS OF UNEMPLOYMENT

Dr. Frank is a professor of economics. At Ethical Society last year she stirred interest with ideas from her book *The Great Stock Illusion*. This year she explains today's "jobless recovery".

October 5 Livia Kohn: DEATH IN DIFFERENT RELIGIONS

Prof. Kohn teaches in the religion department at BU. The understanding of death varies among Westerners and between the West and other regions. There are quite different concepts of how life ends (or doesn't) around the world.

October 12 Tony Hileman: A NEW DAY FOR HUMANISM

Hileman is Director of the American Humanist Association (AHA), a sister group to the Ethical Movement. He recently moved the AHA office to Washington so humanism can have a greater impact on policy.

October 19 Leila Laoudji: THE ATTACK ON IMMIGRANTS' CIVIL RIGHTS

Laoudji is a lawyer with the National Lawyers Guild's Immigration Project. The Project works to end unlawful immigration practices and to expand the civil and human rights of all immigrants.

**Services
& Meals**

Rosh HaShanah



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Hay Fever

by Qian Wang + Jennifer Peng

Lessons learned from
Summer Vacation:

Disney characters
don't put out.

Miss, this
lady here
was found
sexually
harassing
Gepetto.



But he
was flirting
with me!



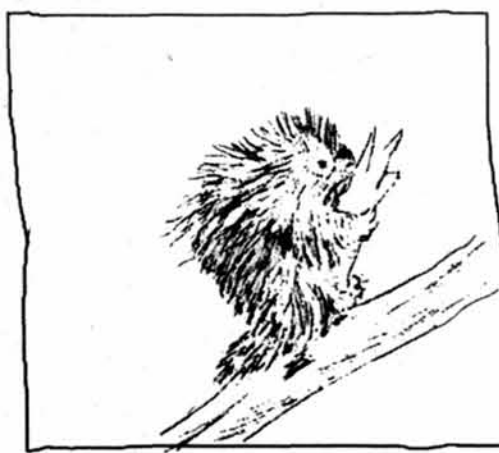
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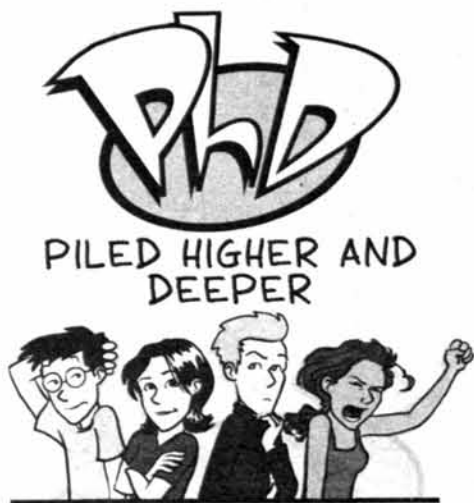


Mike, the Dog in a Hat



By SERGEI R. NIKOLAI



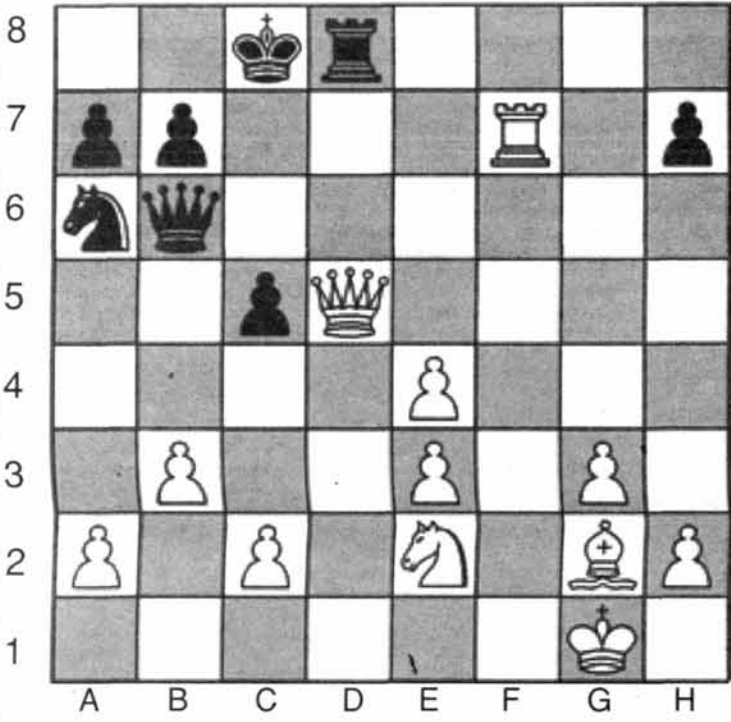


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Solutions on page 18

Sex and the SafeRide

What's your Flavor?

By Alexia Summers

I love chocolate in every shape and form. I've noticed that even after a large meal, I always have room for chocolate. My hunger for chocolate is insatiable. Sometimes it even makes my boyfriend jealous. I'm not alone in my craving. Many other women suffer the same fate, especially my girl friends.

One day a male friend of mine shined some new light on the idea. As I savored my chocolate fudge brownie ice cream, he jokingly wondered, "So, if guys tasted like chocolate, would you want to give them head all the time?" I looked up at him with a twinkle in my eye; I'm always in the mood for chocolate.

Thus began the discussion of chocolate-flavored semen. He said he'd heard of some "magic pill" that would alter the taste of semen. I'd never really thought about it before. It doesn't seem natural to imagine changing bodily secretions with complex chemical formulas; but I'm not in opposition to the idea.

Actually, I quite like it. For once, the men are doing something (taking the pills) in order to please us. And yes, I know they could also have their own motives.

So I began to wonder, does this stuff actually exist? I searched the Internet for "semen pill flavor" and found a few sites offering products that claimed to work. <http://www.Cum-so-sweet.com> offers a "seminal fluid flavor enhancer" that will "impart a mild citrus, somewhat sweet flavor to male seminal excretion in the mouth."

But does it actually work?

I vaguely mentioned the idea of seminal enhancer products to a friend who indeed had heard of them. This friend claimed that they do actually work. According to the friend, banana is the best and strongest flavor,

but the pills fail to mask the saltiness of semen. Well that's a step in the right direction.

I next wondered how a woman would go about suggesting this type of thing to her boyfriend. (Ladies, be careful when discussing the subject. We are merely altering the taste, not improving it.) First I thought of my own boyfriend. How would he react when I suggested enhancing the taste? Men are self-conscious enough as it is about that sort of thing. I certainly wouldn't want to offend him.

Luckily, I didn't have to bring it up. Instead the same male acquaintance from before took the liberty of throwing the idea into the ring himself with the help of my cell phone.

Standing before me, my closest guy friend began a conversation about chocolate-flavored semen with my boyfriend on the other end of the line. I prayed he wouldn't say anything too brash, but you never can tell with adolescent men.

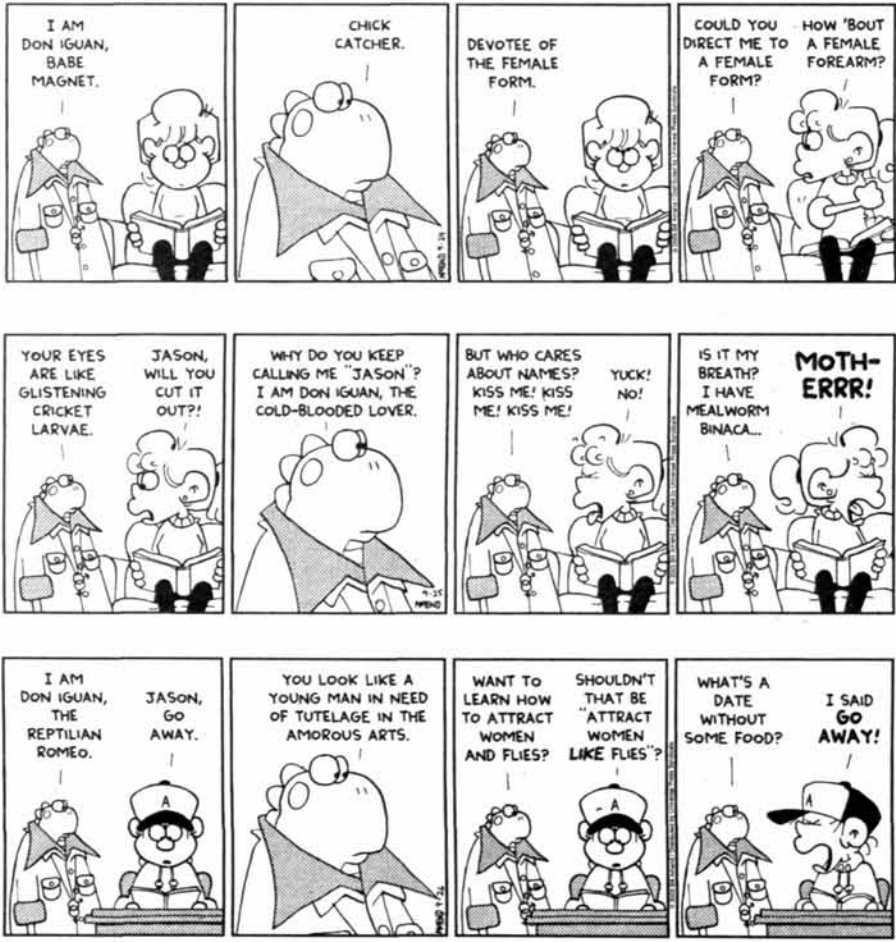
A few seconds later, he handed me the phone. Uh-oh, I thought. Putting the receiver to my ear, I sweetly answered, "Hello honey." He proceeded with, "What's this? What do you mean by this?" "Hmm. Oh, nothing. I don't mean anything. I just thought it was funny. You know, I love chocolate and I love you."

I gave the phone back to my friend where he quickly eased the tension of the situation by chanting "Schlob on the knob, oooh schlobbing on the knob."

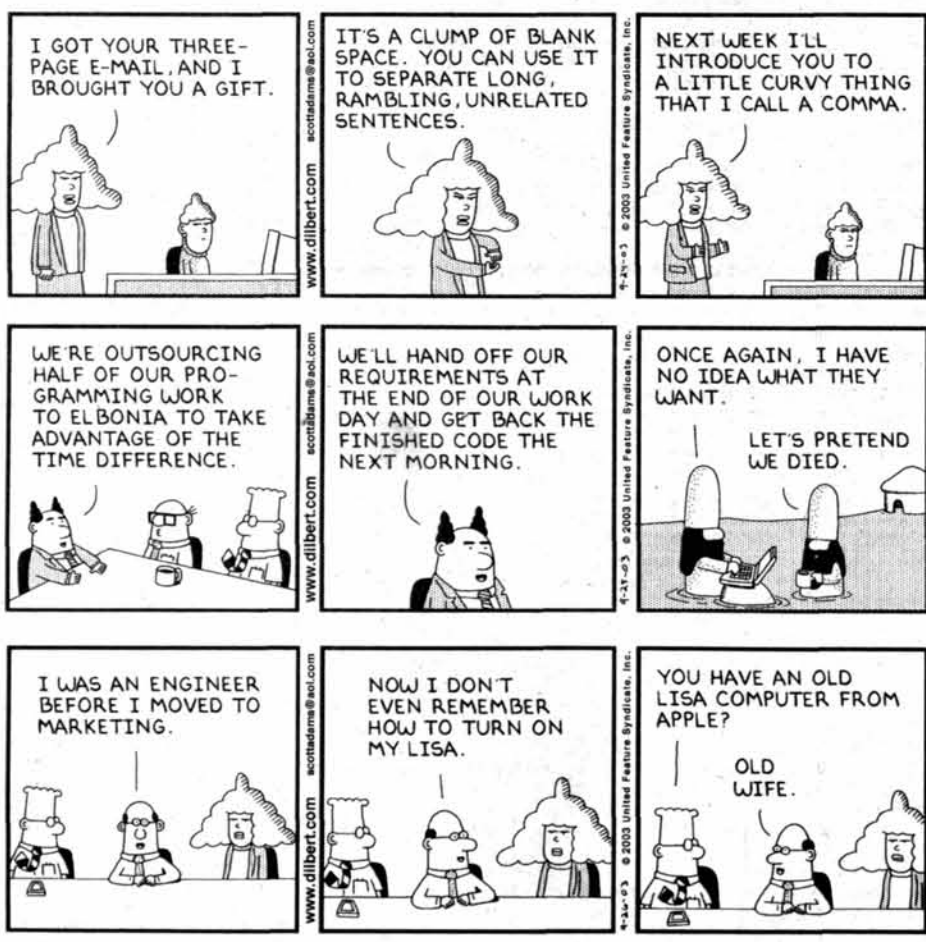
I never intended to use the semen enhancing products (or suggest that my boyfriend use them). But I was quite curious about them. I never did find any chocolate products, in specific, but that doesn't mean they won't one day catch my eye.

Plus, there's no need to limit chocolate in the bedroom simply to seminal enhancers. Maybe one could resort to more traditional methods. I did see a sex game called Strip Chocolate. That might be fun.

FoxTrot by Bill Amend



Dilbert by Scott Adams



Crossword Puzzle

Solution, page 18

ACROSS

1 Lacking pizzazz
5 Orca groups
9 Tripoli's country
14 Corporate image
15 Balustrade
16 Miscue
17 Canyon reply
18 Sicilian spouter
19 Mindful
20 Incredulous question
23 "___ Now or Never"
24 Sister
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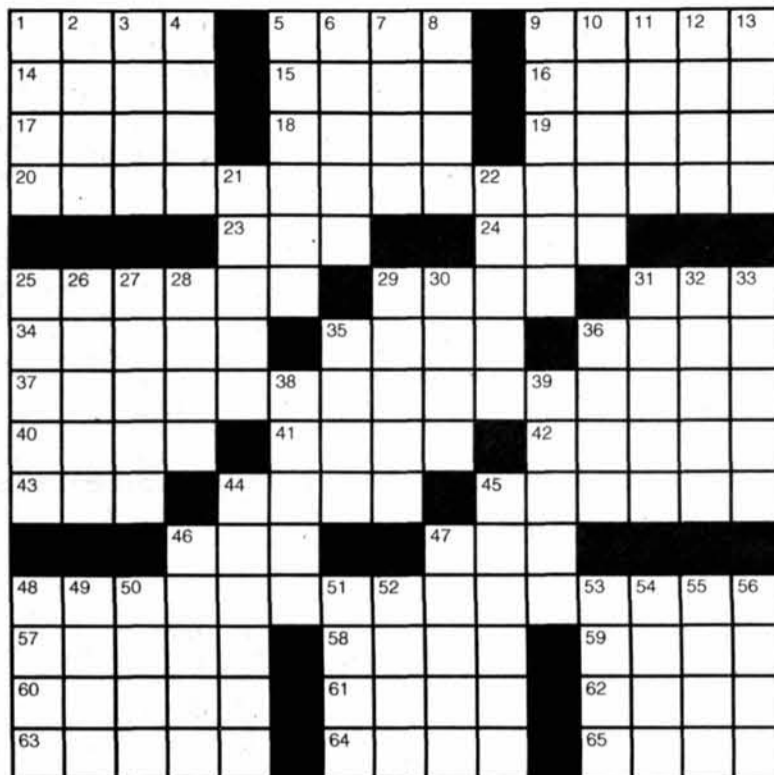
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44 Arcturus or Rigel
45 In a rational manner
46 Face in the mirror?
47 Escalates
48 Dismissive reply
57 Conscious
58 Prom partner
59 Suffering dull pains
60 Caruso or Domingo
61 Completed
62 Highland hillside
63 Utopias
64 Greek harp
65 E-mail button

DOWN

1 Zipped by
2 Lomond or Ness
3 Turkish title
4 Whistle blast
5 Attractive
6 Solemn vows
7 Sup
8 Large chunk
9 Baseball grouping
10 Novelist Shaw
11 Small nail
12 Yesteryear
13 Neighborhood
21 Tendon
22 Nepal's neighbor
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44 Actress Suzanne
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46 Territory in Canada
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48 Break in a fence
49 Was obligated to
50 Ms. Doe
51 Fan-mail recipient
52 Fleet
53 Chocolates with fur?
54 Farm parcel
55 Genghis
56 Took a gander at



Events Calendar

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Friday, September 26

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - BOOKSALE. MIT Libraries' Booksale. Books in Economics, Business, Management, Political and Social Science. Proceeds benefit the MIT Libraries' Preservation Fund. Free. Room: Dewey Plaza, Rain or Shine! Sponsor: MIT Libraries Gifts Office.

10:00 a.m. - Admissions Information Session. Admissions Office Information Session gathers at the Admissions Reception Center (10-100). Following the Admissions Information Session is a student-led campus tour which begins in Lobby 7 (main entrance lobby) Groups over 15 people need to make special reservations. Free. Room: Admissions Reception Center, (Building 10, Room 10-100). Sponsor: Information Center.

10:00 a.m. - Varsity Women's Volleyball MIT Tournament. Free. Room: DuPont Gymnasium/Rockwell Cage.

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - CMI Communication Workshop. Communication Workshop. Free. Room: W11 - Main Dining Room, Religious Services Center. Sponsor: Cambridge-MIT Institute (CMI) Undergraduate Exchange Office.

10:45 a.m. - Campus Tours. Please note that campus tours do not visit laboratories, living groups or buildings under construction. Groups over 15 people need to make special reservations. Free. Room: Lobby 7. Sponsor: Information Center.

12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Rainbow Lounge Open. MIT's resource lounge for lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgendered, and questioning members of the community offers a place to hang out, various activities, and a lending library during its open hours. Free. Room: 50-306. Sponsor: lbgt@mit.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Writers Group. New writers are invited to join our weekly Writers Group. Share a piece of your writing with other interested and supportive writers. Open to all MIT students, staff, faculty, and spouses. Free. Room: 14N-417. Sponsor: Writing and Communication Center.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Windows XP: Quick Start. This Quick Start is intended for end users, not system administrators. Room: N42 Demo Center. Sponsor: Information Systems.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - ESI Seminar. "Sensing on Nano and Mega Length Scales" - We create new optical sensors and develop novel techniques and devices for chemical and physical sensing from the nano-scale to the megascale. All sensing applications are based on our ability to control energy flow in newly created molecules and materials. This talk will present some of our most recent discoveries. Free. Room: 16-168. Sponsor: Earth System Initiative.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - ACCL Seminar. "Agile Team Software Development for Aerodynamic Analysis and Design." Free. Room: 37-212. Sponsor: AeroAstro.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Research in the Department. "Using Nature's Tools to Design Novel Hybrid Nanostructured Materials." Free. Room: The Chipman Room 8-314. Sponsor: Dept. of Materials Science and Engineering Materials Research Society University Chapter@MIT.

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Journal Club Presentations: Diana & Lisa, Ashleigh & Chris. Student Literature Reviews, Oral Presentations (Following presentations, we will resume work in the lab). Free. Room: 68-121. Sponsor: 7.13.

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - MCP seminar. Public Involvement and Democratic Discourse in Env. Mgt. Professor Lawrence Susskind Ford Professor of Urban and Environmental Planning Head of Environmental Policy Group Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Free. Room: 54 - 915. Sponsor: Mexico City Project.

1:10 p.m. - 1:50 p.m. - Muslim Friday Prayer. Weekly congregational prayer for Muslims. People of other faiths welcome to attend. E-mail msa-ec@mit.edu for more information. Free. Room: W11-110. Sponsor: Muslim students' Association.

2:00 p.m. - Admissions Information Session. Free. Room: Admissions Reception Center (Building 10, Room 10-100). Sponsor: Information Center.

2:45 p.m. - Campus Tour. Free. Room: Lobby 7. Sponsor: Information Center.

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Chemical Engineering Department's Fall Seminar Series. Science of Mixed Water-Methanol Clusters — Implications in Biology, Astrophysics and Energy Tapping from Gas Hydrates. Free. Room: 66-110. Sponsor: Chemical Engineering.

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - CSSA 1st Fall MITea Time - Seminar on Job&internship hunting skills. In the new academic year, CSSA brings to you a new monthly event called "MITea Time." As you can see from its name, MITea Time is a tea time, or coffee hour, but more than that. We will set an interesting topic for each tea time, and invite guest speaker(s) to give talk on the topic. Following that is the tea time session when attendees can enjoy talk with speakers, chat with fellow Chinese students, spread rumors if you have some, or just sip some coffee and tea. The topic of the first MITea Time is about job & internship hunting skills. Our four guest speakers have very rich recruiting or job-hunting experience. They will help you identify challenges and be prepared for them. One of them (Victor Tang, former VP of IBM China) will give comments from the viewpoint of an interviewer. The other three will share with you their successful job & internship hunting stories. Hope to see you at the tea time! Free. Room: 4-163. Sponsor: Chinese Student and Scholar Association, GSC Funding Board.

4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. - Enumerative Properties of Ferrers Graphs. Free. Room: Room 2-338. Sponsor: Combinatorics Seminar. Department of Mathematics.

5:00 p.m. - Arts Grant Deadline. First deadline for 2003-2004 Council for the Arts funding. Forms available at the Office of the Arts, E15-205. Free. Room: E15-205. Sponsor: Council for the Arts at MIT.

5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - GAME/GA3 Fall BBQ/Softball game. GAME and GA3 are enhancing the typical Fall BBQ experience with a softball game pitting Course II grads against their peers in Course XVI. Free. Room: Kresge BBQ pits/turf field. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, Graduate Association of Mechanical Engineers, Graduate Association of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Graduate Christian Fellowship Large Group Fellowship Meeting. Free. Room: Twenty Chimneys (W20-306). Sponsor: Graduate Christian Fellowship.

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Auspicious Autumn: A Japanese Welcome Party. Welcome (back) to MIT, and welcome to the bountiful season of autumn! The Japanese Association of MIT invites all members of the MIT community to come and celebrate an auspicious beginning to a new semester, and to feast on bountiful Japanese food. Come socialize with fellow Japanese students and scholars at MIT, and get to know Japanese culture first-hand. Free. Room: Ashdown Hulizer room. Sponsor: Japanese Association of MIT, Japanese Society of Undergradu-

ates, MIT Japan Program, GSC Funding Board.

6:00 p.m. - Shabbat Services & Dinner. Celebrate Shabbat. MIT Hillel's three religious communities hold Shabbat services at 6:00 p.m. (Conservative, Orthodox, and Reform) A community Shabbat dinner follows at 7:00 p.m. Cost for dinner only. Room: Religious Activities Center, Bldg W11. Sponsor: Hillel, MIT.

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - SWE Banquet. Banquet organized by the Society of Women Engineers to close the Career Week. Room: Westin Copley Place. Sponsor: MIT Career Fair Committee.

6:15 p.m. - Rosh HaShanah Services. Rosh HaShanah, the Jewish New Year, is celebrated at MIT. Reform and Conservative services are held. Holiday meals are available with reservation and payment. Donation requested. Sponsor: Hillel, MIT.

7:00 p.m. - 11:59 p.m. - MIT Anime Club Weekly Showing. Showing schedule: 7:00 Metropolis 9:00 Intermission 9:30 One Piece 7-11. Free. Room: 6-120. Sponsor: Anime Club, MIT.

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Bend It Like Beckham. \$3. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Bible Study. Is there more to life than grad school? We believe the answer is "YES!" Come study the word of God with us. There will be dinner followed and games afterward. Free. Room: 26-310. Sponsor: Asian Baptist Student Koinonia Graduate Division, GSC Funding Board.

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - Star Wars. \$3. Room: 10-250. Sponsor: LSC, MIT Japan Program.

8:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. - Sangam Movies. Screening of popular movies. Please subscribe to sangam-request@mit.edu. Free. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, Sangam.

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Special presentation and screening of: "We interrupt this Empire..." The San Francisco Video Activists' Network presents a documentary about the anti-war protests that shutdown San Francisco when the U.S. invaded Iraq. Special presentation by Lisa Sousa. Free. Room: 4-231. Sponsor: MIT Social Justice Cooperative.

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All Day - Career Week. Friday is reserved for interviews! Free. Sponsor: MIT Career Fair Committee.

Saturday, September 27

7:45 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Iranian American High Techs to Network at MIT. ITF Network at MIT and boasts Speakers and Panelists from Verizon, Cisco, Nortel, Motorola and others ... Siliconiran announced it is hosting the Iranian-American Technology Forum (ITF) on Sep. 27 at MIT. This will be the first time Siliconiran holds the annual forum outside of the Silicon Valley. \$170 (Individual), \$30 (Students). Room: Building E51 (Tang Center). Sponsor: MITEntrepreneurshipCenter, Silicon Iran.

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Scuba diving at Nubble Lighthouse. Two scuba dives at beautiful Nubble Lighthouse in York, Maine. Free, except gear rentals. Room: Nubble Light, York, Maine. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, Scuba Club.

9:00 a.m. - Rosh HaShanah Services. Rosh HaShanah, the Jewish New Year, is celebrated at MIT. Reform and Conservative services are held. Holiday meals are available with reservation and payment. Donations requested. Room: Various campus locations. Spons: J. Hillel, MIT.

10:00 a.m. - Varsity Women's Volleyball MIT Tournament. Free. Room: DuPont Gymnasium/Rockwell Cage. Sponsor: Physical Education, Department of Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation.

11:00 a.m. - Varsity Women's Soccer vs. Clark. Free. Room: Steinbrenner Stadium. Sponsor: Physical Education.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Childhood Asthma & Allergies Talk, hosted by BabyNet@MIT. Learn about childhood asthma and allergies. BabyNet at MIT, in partnership with an MIT startup called Baby Boost, is hosting an informational session for its members and the public to learn about childhood asthma and allergies. The session will be a discussion with Dr. Bernard Kinane, chief of pediatric pulmonary medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital. This meeting is purely informational, so here's your chance to ask an expert any questions you may have. Dr. Kinane is a member of the board of scientific advisors for Baby Boost. You can find out more about BabyNet at <http://web.mit.edu/babynet/> and Baby Boost at <http://www.babyboost.com/>. Snacks will be served. BYOB (Bring your own baby!). A sitter will be provided. Free. Room: E-55, Eastgate Dorm Penthouse Lounge. Sponsor: BabyNet.

12:00 p.m. - Varsity Women's Cross Country. Free.

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Invention Studio: Bending, Stretching, and Sliding. Electrify trails of graphite on paper, or wire up a sponge that's been dipped in water. Observe what happens to the flow of electricity when you twist and bend your new sensor. Invent your own creation that translates bending, stretching, and sliding into sounds and movement. \$15 per 2-person team (includes Museum admission). All ages (children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult team member) Pre-registration required. Room: MIT Museum, N52, 2nd Fl | 265 Mass Ave, Cambridge. Sponsor: MIT Museum.

2:00 p.m. - Varsity Football vs. Worcester State. Free. Room: Steinbrenner Stadium. Sponsor: Physical Education, Department of Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation.

4:30 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. - TMRC Build Time. These are our normal meetings, where we build the layout. Free. Room: N52-118. Sponsor: Tech Model Railroad Club.

6:00 p.m. - Battle of Chile: The Coup. We screen two films by Chilean exile Patricio Guzman: one about the US-supported military coup that took place on September 11, 1973; and the other about the reaction of young Chileans when Guzman showed them footage about the coup that they had never before been allowed to see. Free. Room: MIT Room 6-120. Sponsor: MIT Western Hemisphere Project, MIT Large Event Fund, MIT Council for the Arts, MIT Associate Provost for the Arts.

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Down With Love. \$3. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.

8:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. - Sangam Movie Special. Free. Room: 2-105. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, Sangam.

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8:00 p.m. - Cambridge University Musical Society Orchestra and Chorus. With singers from Harvard University, Boston University and MIT. Mahler's Symphony No 2 "Resurrection" Conductor: Stephen Cleobury. \$5 (MIT students free). Room: Kresge Auditorium. Sponsor: Music and Theater Arts Section.

10:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. - Down With Love. \$3. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.

11:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Apple Picking. Come enjoy a day of apple picking in beautiful northern Massachusetts. All are welcome! Call 253-2325 to sign up. Free. Room: Northern Massachusetts. Sponsor: Lutheran-Episcopal Ministry.

All Day - HST Retreat. South Shore YMCA camp, cabins, a lake, and 400 wooded acres with criss-crossing trails. Restricted to HST community. \$10. Room: Sandwich, MA. Sponsor: HST.

Sunday, September 28

9:00 a.m. - Rosh HaShanah. (Second Day). Donation requested. Sponsor: Hillel, MIT.

1:00 p.m. - Dance Theater Ensemble/Alexandra Beller Concert. Alexandra Beller, former member of the internationally renowned Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company, has performed in over 50 countries and throughout the United States and has been a featured dancer in "Max Roach's America." Beller has also done film work and was the collaborator and subject of a recent series of photographs by Irving Penn entitled "Dancer," which was exhibited at the Whitney Museum in Spring 2002. Beller's work focuses on themes examining the barriers between truth and fiction and gender structures in the contemporary arena which dictate behavior, particularly woman's behavior. Free. Room: Lipchitz Courtyard (Bldg 14). Sponsor: Dance Theater Ensemble.

1:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - F.A.S.T. Program: The Sound of Music. Family Adventures in Science and Technology. What does the sound of a violin look like? Or a trumpet? How about a flute? Come spend time with Dr. Walter Lewin of MIT's Department of Physics and explore the physics of sound. If your child plays an instrument and would like to assist Prof. Lewin, please call Beryl Rosenthal at (617) 452-2111 to register. Note: This program will take place offsite in an MIT laboratory. Free with Museum admission. Room: MIT Museum - 265 Mass Ave. Sponsor: MIT Museum.

5:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. - Boston Underground Film Festival. Film Festival. \$9.00/\$6.00 for seniors and students. Room: 10-250. Sponsor: MIT AV.

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Bend It Like Beckham. \$3. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.

8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - International Folk Dancing (participatory). Occasional live music. Note: We will move to La Sala de Puerto Rico (on the second floor of the Student Center) if it is available. MIT/Wellesley students free; \$1 donation (or more) requested from others. Room: Student Center room 491. Sponsor: Folk Dance Club.

10:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. - Down With Love. \$3. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.

All Day - HST Retreat. \$10. Room: Sandwich, MA. Sponsor: HST Social.

Monday, September 29

10:00 a.m. - Admissions Information Session. Free. Room: Admissions Reception Center, (Building 10, Room 10-100). Sponsor: Information Center.

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - CMI Communication Workshop. Free. Room: W11 - Main Dining Room, Religious Services Center. Sponsor: Cambridge-MIT Institute (CMI) Undergraduate Exchange Office.

10:45 a.m. - Campus Tour. Free. Room: Lobby 7. Sponsor: Information Center.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - PSFC Seminar. Wendelstein - achievements of W7-AS and goals of W7-X. Free. Room: NW17-218. Sponsor: Plasma Science and Fusion Center.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Remote Access Quick Start. Room: N42 Demo Center. Sponsor: Information Systems.

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Journal Club Presentations: Sandra & Sergei, Erin & Judith. Student Literature Reviews, Oral Presentations (Following presentations, we will resume work in the lab). Free. Room: 68-121. Sponsor: 7.13.

2:00 p.m. - Admissions Information Session. Free. Room: Admissions Reception Center (Building 10, Room 10-100). Sponsor: Information Center.

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Monday Research Seminar. Free. Room: Center for Theoretical Physics-Building 6-3rd floor seminar room. Sponsor: Laboratory for Nuclear Science.

2:45 p.m. - Campus Tour. Free. Room: Lobby 7. Sponsor: Information Center.

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Environmental Fluid Mechanics Seminar: Modeling of Breaking Waves in Surf and Swash Zone. Free. Room: 1-350. Sponsor: Civil and Environmental Engineering. Prof. Chiang C. Mei.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - "Q-curvature and generalizations." Free. Room: 2-143. Sponsor: Differential Geometry Seminar, Dept. of Mathematics.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Mechanics Seminar: Affording microstructural details in the analysis of polycrystalline material response through Direct Numerical Simulation. Free. Room: 3-370. Sponsor: Mechanical Engineering Dept., Sloan Automotive Laboratory.

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Aga Khan Program at MIT Lecture. Tell Tale - The Alphabet, Outcome of Millennia of Mayhem. Free. Room: 56-114. Sponsor: Aga Khan Program for Islamic Architecture.

6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - "Alecstis" Auditions. MIT Community Players production of play by Euripides, translated and adapted by Ted Hughes. Directed by Bob Mussett. Call-backs: Oct. 1. Free. Room: Rm 5-217. Sponsor: MIT Community Players.

7:30 p.m. - "A Midsummer Nights Dream." Cambridge University American Stage Tour. \$8, \$6 students. Room: Kresge Little Theater. Sponsor: Music and Theater Arts Section.

8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. - Boston Underground Film Festival. Film Festival. \$9.00/\$6.00 for seniors and students. Room: 10-250. Sponsor: MIT AV.

8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. - ROMAN NIGHTS film series. Four nights of Rome in the cinema sponsored by the "Envisioning Modernism" and "Historic Cities in the Modern Age" seminars of the History Theory and Criticism of Architecture and Art program. Free. Room: 3-133. Sponsor: History, Theory and Criticism of Architecture and Art.

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Prometheus Group Recognized by ASA

By Adrienne E. Hunacek

Prometheus has finally been granted preliminary recognition by the Association of Student Activities, said the publication's Editor in Chief Tess R. Diduch '06.

The first issues of *Prometheus*, an MIT alternative publication with a focus on Orientation and Rush issues, ran in April and May last spring. The group has been seeking ASA recognition since late March 2003, when former Editor in Chief Scott D. Schneider '00 submitted a request to become an independently recognized club.

Kathryn M. Walter '05, president of the ASA executive board, said *Prometheus* will be granted full ASA recognition pending completion of several finalizing steps, including the completion of several forms.

ASA recognition brings funding

Schneider said *Prometheus* wanted full ASA recognition for many of the same reasons other student groups do: to obtain an MIT URL, Athena locker space, and a bank account.

Walter said the ASA was reluctant to grant *Prometheus* recognition because of concern over the growing number of campus publications, and the effect the added competition would have, particularly on smaller publications. Walter added that funding constraints are another "big issue."

ASA wanted proof of viability

Prometheus was not recognized by the ASA in March because ASA

members wanted more evidence of the publication's feasibility, Schneider said. Also, the ASA wanted the publication to distinguish itself from *The Tech*, and suggested that the first issue of *Prometheus* could offer that proof.

After the first *Prometheus* issue, the ASA suggested they might be sponsored by *The Tech*. Both *Prometheus* and *The Tech* were opposed to this arrangement, Schneider said.

According to the ASA's Web site, a sponsored group is a group that is "directly supported by an MIT department, program, or office of MIT, as well as existing student groups."

Schneider and other members felt that *Prometheus* deserved full recognition status.

He and Diduch went back to the ASA in mid-August of this year. When Diduch contacted the ASA recently she was told that *Prometheus* had received independent recognition.

Walter did acknowledge it will probably be difficult for other alternative publications to gain ASA recognition in the future, for many of the same reasons it was such a long process for *Prometheus*.

Approximately 16 students contribute to each issue of *Prometheus*, but about 25 students typically attend meetings, Schneider said.

Schneider said the purpose of *Prometheus* is to publish "well-written and well-reasoned articles that tie student life issues in with issues of responsibility and freedom."

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Suggestions may be submitted to Maria Hidalgo – President of the Class of 2004 (meh@mit.edu), Erich Caulfield – President of the Graduate Student Council (gsc-president@mit.edu), Gayle Gallagher – Executive Officer for Commencement (gayle@mit.edu), or Eric Grimson – Chairman of the Commencement Committee (welg@ai.mit.edu).

Suggestions must be received by Friday 3 October.

Following a review, the Committee will submit a list to President Vest for his consideration. The list will not be made public. President Vest has the responsibility and authority for selecting and inviting a guest speaker for the commencement exercises.



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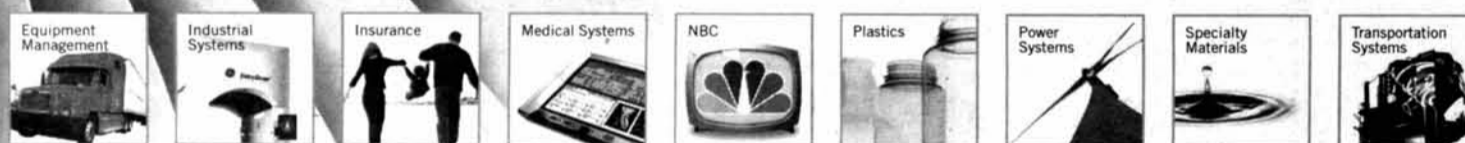
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Stata To Offer Different Options

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area on the first floor as well as many other areas to eat outside and around the building.

Sodexo will manage Stata dining when it opens, Berlin said. The central dining area will include a café, a sushi bar, grab-and-go food, a stone pizza oven, a deli/soup bar, and a lunch menu. Berlin said that the dining options will differ from the fare offered at the Student Center. The Stata Center may also include a Starbucks, Berlin said.

He added that the Stata Center has "a lot of very versatile technology" that would allow more menu options. The dining area will hold about 200 people.

Sections of Stata dining will have early breakfast hours and extended hours into the early evening.

EC residents hope to use Walker

Maria C. Schriver '05, the Undergraduate Association Senate representative from East Campus, said EC residents are looking into several possibilities for taking advantage of the new space in Walker.

"Walker will open up a lot of free space," she said.

Berlin said that this change "adds dynamic to the East Campus area."

Schriver said possibilities include outside vendors, furnishing different areas to be used as study spaces, or creating a community kitchen in the basement of the building.

However, renovations are also necessary. The last major renovation occurred in 1916, and Schriver said that a recent committee estimated the cost of renovation at \$50 million.

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Belmont Home Owner's Lawyer Calls Case 'Misunderstanding'

Discrimination, from Page 1

an African-American family.

Ruffin said that Newbrough told Murnane that the Ruffins were good tenants and that Murnane could not ask about the race of the tenants.

Shapiro said that Newbrough has not taken credit for her action in reporting the discrimination to the Ruffin family even though "Coldwell Banker Hunneman and the broker did exactly what they should have done." He said that this might be because the action was against the interest of their client.

Newbrough could not be reached for comment. Calls to Coldwell Hunneman Banker in Belmont were directed to Roni Boyles, a publicist at their headquarters in Lexington.

Boyles said that she does not feel it is appropriate for her to comment on the case because of her lack of personal familiarity with the details.

Murnane denies allegations

In an interview with the *Belmont Citizen Herald*, Kevin B. Nugent, attorney for Murnane, said that there

was a misunderstanding between his client and Newbrough.

He said that Murnane offered the house to the Ruffins, waited for the return of the lease, and was only informed of the allegations of racial discrimination after calling the broker to inquire about the lease.

Nugent said that Murnane agreed to settle without admitting to any wrongdoing to avoid litigation costs. He also said that Murnane had rented to African-Americans in the past.

Murnane could not be reached for comment. Shapiro said that she currently resides in Maryland and conducted the entire legal process by mail.

Nugent did not respond to repeated requests for comment.

Ruffin praises MIT and broker

Ruffin said that the situation "initially gave [me] a bad feeling about moving my family to this environment." He said that he wondered if others in Belmont shared the same views. Ruffin felt the discrimination added to the stress of moving.

He said that everyone he talked to was very supportive and that several faculty members who lived in Belmont were embarrassed by Murnane's actions.

Ruffin said that he hopes that the case will alert others to the reality of racial discrimination and that he hopes courageous people will stand up against it.

Overt racial discrimination rare

Ruffin, now assistant professor of aerospace engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology, has resided in many states. He said that he has "never perceived this kind of [overt] racial discrimination before."

In the press release, Reilly said, "This kind of discrimination based on an application, whether for housing or employment, is particularly egregious because it often goes undetected."

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Faculty Debate Course XIII Shift

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Faculty opinions considered

The purpose of the committee is to "try to improve the environment for ocean engineering at MIT and to think about the best structure for it," Magnanti said.

He said the members of the committee will be looking at how well the departments could match intellectual synergies, common research, and common vision.

Magnanti said that the committee is also taking into consideration the opinions of faculty from the ocean engineering department, as well as the faculty members of the two courses that are being considered for mergers.

"Part of what this committee is doing is engaging all relevant faculty," Magnanti said. "We want to work in everybody's best interest."

Once the new committee reports back to Magnanti later this semester, he said he will be making a final decision with the faculty members.

"It's a tough decision," said Dean for Undergraduate Education Robert P. Redwine. "I don't think it's primarily an education issue. This issue really has more to do with research directions for faculty in the department."

"As far as I'm concerned, we'd just like to maintain the name 'ocean engineering,'" Herbein said. "It doesn't really matter where we practice it."

"It's always a big step to close a department or merge a department because we don't do it very often. So I'm sure the committee is looking at it very carefully," Redwine said.

OE evaluations favorable

Barbara A. Masi '86, the director of education assessment in the School of Engineering, said that she evaluated the ocean engineering department in 2001 as part of its Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology curriculum review.

This assessment of the department, which is done every five years, is "essentially giving a report card on the undergraduate curriculum," Masi said. The results, Masi said, were "positive".

Among the criteria for the evaluations are the students' ability to work in teams, their ability to apply engineering theory and design, and their sense of the impact of engineering.

The undergraduate program in ocean engineering is "strong," Masi said. "It's small, which is their issue, but its faculty are quite engaged in undergraduate teaching."

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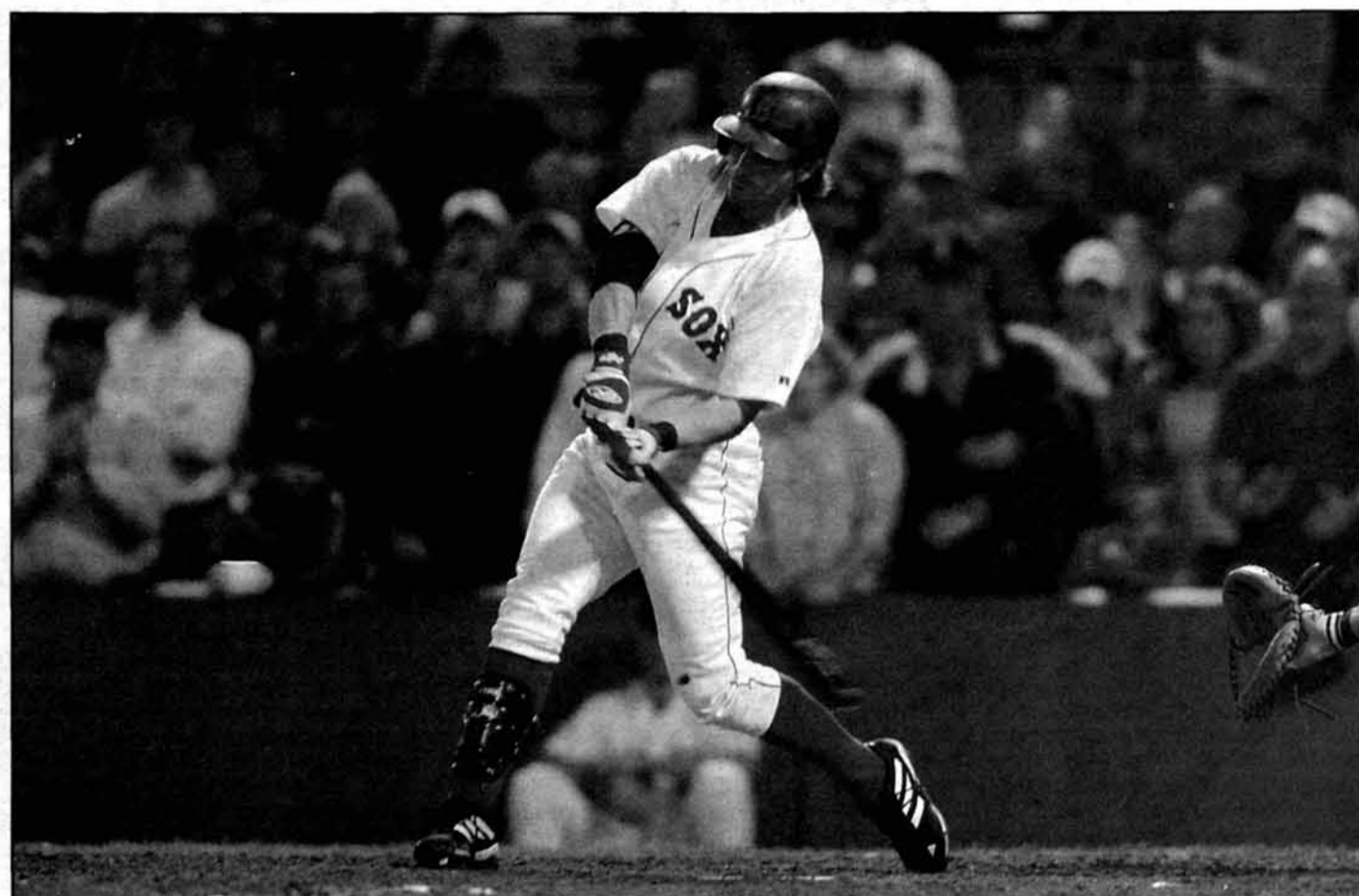
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New Committee Will Review FSILG Setup

Task Force, from Page 1

ing out why having FSILGs is good for MIT and half recommending principles and policies on how to benefit students, like in the past."

To do this, he said that task force members are "making ourselves gradually less stupid about the FSILG system, looking for what's on people's minds, asking them what's going well or not so well, and asking about their confidence in MIT administration."

Winston said that as someone who was helped by the FSILG system (Winston was a member of Phi Delta Theta), he feels the need to keep the system healthy.

FSILG Program Assistant Laura Martin said that the role of the task force is to "help FSILGs fulfill their educational mission, help undergraduates with their needs and obligations, to help alumni with their roles and responsibilities, and to help MIT relate with all of the stakeholders."

Members of the task force include Winston, Senior Associate Dean for Student Life Robert M. Randolph, Executive Director of Enterprise Services Stephen Immerman, Undergraduate Association

president Pius Uzamere '04, Interfraternity Council President Larry Colagiovanni '04, and Panhellenic President Christine Ortiz '05.

Committee meets with FSILGs

Task force members have visited the Alumni Leadership Conference, Association of Independent Living Groups, and the Committee on Student Life.

They have already talked to members of Sigma Chi, Kappa Alpha Theta, Sigma Nu, Phi Delta Theta, and Epsilon Theta.

Winston said that on visits to FSILGs he tells members, "I'm talking to Vest about this. So you're one step away from talking to him."

However, many FSILG members have not yet heard any information about the task force. When asked what he would improve about the current FSILG system, Zeta Psi member Insoo Kim '05 said, "There isn't much interaction between the groups. It would be nice to have more activities like Greek Week that would bring more people together."

Task force member and Kappa Alpha Theta alumna Alicia Allen '94 said that one of her primary recommendations is to encourage trust between students, alumni, and the administration to work better together.

MIT FSILGs now include 27 IFC fraternities, five Panhellenic sororities, five living groups, and four fraternities and sororities that belong to a different national organization.

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- Roles of alumni/alumnae
- Level of support of MIT offices to FSILGs
- Mutual respect between the administration and the FSILGs
- Whether or not MIT should distribute incentives as part of transition funds
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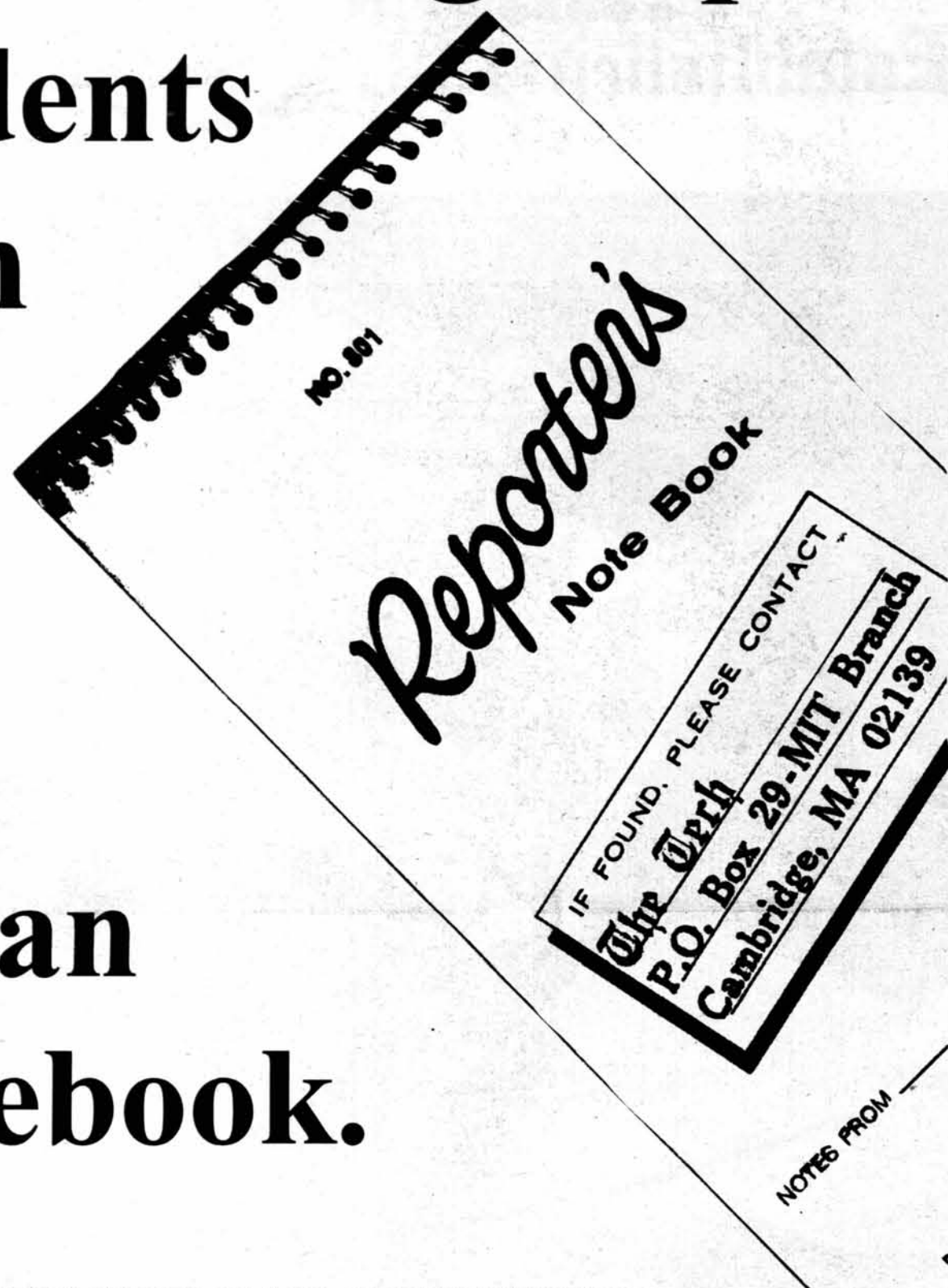
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SPORTS

Football Beats Mass. Maritime

By Christopher P. Anderson

TEAM MEMBER

The MIT football team kept its early season success rolling with a 42-18 victory last week over the Massachusetts Maritime Academy Buccaneers. The Beavers used four touchdowns in the second quarter, along with a flawless special teams performance, to build a 28-0 halftime lead. In one of their best offensive performances in years, MIT put it in the end zone six times and converted 8 of 14 third down opportunities.

MIT opened the second-quarter flurry with a 55-yard touchdown pass from Adam C. Love '07 to Tom Kilpatrick '05. Following the score, the Beaver defense quickly forced Maritime to punt. The ball was caught at midfield, but a Bucs penalty forced them to re-kick. This time Estanislo L. Fidelholtz '04 rushed from the outside to block the punt and MIT recovered at the three. David J. Ostlund '04 scored on the next play to bring the lead to 14 points.

The defense and offense connected again later in the quarter when the Bucs went three-and-out and Kilpatrick answered two plays later with a 40-yard touchdown reception. Kilpatrick finished the afternoon with eight receptions for 206 yards, just

shy of the school single-game receiving yardage record of 225. He was the beneficiary of Love's 255-yard, 18-for-32 passing performance.

On the next play from scrimmage, defensive captain Dan Relihan '04 forced the Mass Maritime tailback to fumble, and senior Michael J. Harvey's recovery put the Beavers in business again. This time, Love capped a five play, 22-yard drive by firing a six-yard touchdown pass to Jon A. Williams '07. R. Matt Ramirez '06, spectacular in kicking all day, booted the extra point to make the score 28-0 as the two teams headed to the locker room.

Ostlund, defense control 2nd half

The Buccaneers tried to rally early in the third quarter, scoring touchdowns on a big pass play and a two-yard dive on fourth-and-goal. But the Beavers blocked their first extra-point attempt, then forced an incomplete pass when the Bucs went for two.

The MIT defense kept the heat on all day, holding Mass Maritime to 75 rushing yards on 34 carries, an average of just 2.2 yards per rush. Phillip T. Zakielarz '05 led the corraling with nine tackles; he teamed up with Harvey, Brennan P. Sherry '06, and Kevin Yurkerwich '06 (six tackles apiece).

The offense gave the defense a chance to rest when they went on two long drives in the fourth quarter. The first went 97 yards and ate six minutes off the clock. The running game, stopped up early, opened up as Love threw only two passes on the 13-play drive. Ostlund, who finished the day with 28 carries for 171 yards, slammed the door on the Bucs' comeback hopes with a four-yard touchdown run. Ostlund continued to carve up the defense as he carried most of the load on a 12-play, 79-yard drive ending with his 28-yard downhill sprint to the end zone.

Worcester State visits tomorrow

With a 2-0 record, the Beavers will host conference powerhouse Worcester State tomorrow at 2 p.m. Their four-receiver, no-huddle sets and powerful running game sent MIT home with a 35-6 loss last season.

This year the Lancers arrive with a 2-1 record and three of the top offensive skill players in the conference — quarterback Cean Oskanish, tailback Greg Wood, and receiver Lavon Cuyler. There have been some great games between the two schools in the past, such as in 2001 when the Beavers came back from a 25-point deficit against the then-nationally ranked Lancers, only to lose in the final minutes.

Team Unity a Feature Of Women's X-Country

By Alisha Schor

TEAM MEMBER

The women's Cross Country team proved their merit in the New England running community last Saturday with a fourth place finish out of 24 teams at the UMass-Dartmouth Shriners Cross Country Invitational.

The finish was the highest ever by the women's team and earned Tech its first top 10 ranking in the New England Division III coaches' poll.

"Our varsity team moved up five places from last year, and our sub-varsity team moved up three. That's a real significant accomplishment," said team captain Katie R. Huffman '04. Julia C. Espel '05 and co-captain Martha W. Buckley '04 led the Tech runners with times of 18:24 and 18:31, respectively, over the five-kilometer course. Filling in the next three scoring slots were Alisha R. Schor '07, Veronica A. Andrews '05, and Karen A. Kinnaman '06.

Runners in the sub-varsity race produced the next two fastest Tech times with Betsy R. Eames '06 taking fourth and Jen A. Gaugler '05 placing fifth. Such a density of runners indicates the depth of the 2003 team, a necessary quality for a successful season.

While the early season has

shown promise, MIT's women runners still have areas to improve upon in order to achieve their goal of winning the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference championship. One of the primary focuses will be on minimizing time spread between the first and fifth runners.

"We'll have to pack it up, run together, and push each other. We have to work together to win as a team," Huffman said.

Working together as a team has not proved to be a problem this year. With nearly 40 athletes on the squad, finding motivation and training partners has come naturally.

"Like all [cross country] teams at MIT in my tenure, there is great team harmony, and this year it is especially true even with the increased size of the squad," said Assistant Coach Harold B. Hatch. "There is great depth, intra-squad competition, a willingness to work hard, and great team leadership and unity."

Hatch echoed the team's goal of winning NEWMACs and also added that he would like to see a top 10 finish in the New England National Qualifiers.

Towards the end of the season, the team is hoping to be assisted by the return of some injured runners to the top slots, as well as the improvement of several who have shown a high level of fitness and early season potential.



ERIC J. CHOLANKERIL—THE TECH

Mark A. Jury '04 (left), David W. Shearer '04 (right), and Mark D. Boudreau '05 (bottom) tackle a ball carrier from Massachusetts Maritime Academy last Saturday. MIT won 42-18.

MIT Volleyball Boosts Record to 9-1

By Paul Dill

TEAM COACH

This past week, the Engineers pushed their record to 9-1 overall as the team started their conference schedule with three straight wins over Wheaton College, Mount Holyoke College, and Clark University.

On the road against Wheaton College, MIT took control of the match early, winning the first two games 30-19 and 30-13. With their backs to the wall, Wheaton clawed their way back into the match, building a big lead in the third game. Realizing that they had relaxed a bit too much, the Engineers closed the gap, but not quite in time. The Engineers lost the game 28-30.

MIT quickly reestablished dominance in the fourth game, winning 30-17 to close out the match. Arlis

A. Reynolds '06 led the charge with 11 kills, while Caroline D. Jordan '06 produced 19 defensive digs.

Against Mount Holyoke College, the Engineers took control of the match early and never looked back. MIT won easily 3-0 (30-13, 30-14, 30-13), using the entire roster in the process. Frances M. Rogoz '07 led the team both offensively and defensively with eight kills and nine digs. Jordan added six service aces, and Nydia M. Clayton '04 added seven kills to the effort.

The next match against Clark University was more of the same, as the Engineers put on a clinic in the first game. MIT started off on an 11-0 run and then ran up the score to 22-1 before finally winning the game 30-13. The next two games, MIT was just as efficient as the Engineers took them 30-15 and 30-13 to close out the match 3-0. It was Rogoz again who led the team in kills with 11 followed by Clayton

with eight. Austin Zimmerman '06 also had a good night, dishing out 21 assists in the two games she played, while freshman setter Caitlin A. Murphy took over the setting reigns in the third game, dishing out 12 assists.

The Engineers are currently 9-1 and 3-0 in conference. The team is hosting one of the top tournaments of the season this Friday and Saturday in Rockwell Cage and DuPont Gymnasium. This fifteen team tournament will host most of the top teams in the region, as well as some top teams from out of region including Colorado College, Vassar College, Skidmore College, Hunter College, and Eastern University. Nine of the fifteen teams in attendance made the NCAA tournament last season.

The Engineers will play on Friday afternoon at 4 p.m. against Colorado College and 8 p.m. against Hunter College.

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10 a.m., Varsity Women's Volleyball, MIT Tournament

11 a.m., Varsity Women's Soccer, Clark University

Noon, Varsity Women's Cross Country

2 p.m., Varsity Football, Worcester State

Cross Country Places Third At UMass-Dartmouth Meet

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MIT men's cross country went up against some of the big names in New England Division III on Saturday for the first time this season. Among the 26 teams at the meet were number two-ranked Tufts University (running without

first man Nate Brigham), number four-ranked Amherst College, and number six-ranked Trinity College. Ranked fifth in New England, MIT finished in third place, as predicted, but they learned much about their own and the other teams' weaknesses.

Coming off a successful performance where he went out hard the week before, Ben A. Schmeckpeper '05 held back little in the first mile, coming through with the leaders in 4:54.

Schmeckpeper pushed the pace through the second and into the third mile, opening up a five-second gap on second place going up the only hill on the Dartmouth course. But it was too much too soon, as UMass-Dartmouth's first man used the downhill to take over the lead. Schmeckpeper held on for second, finishing in 25:39.

Led by Brian C. Anderson '04, MIT's next four went out hard for the first mile. They couldn't stay together, however, as Anderson pulled ahead of Eric A. Khatchadourian '06, John A. Brewer '05, and Kevin C. Brulois '07. Anderson looked remarkably strong through two miles, so much so that another team's coach

commented, "He looks like he's out for a jog."

But by the fourth mile, everyone was suffering, and MIT began to lose places to those who started the race more conservatively. Anderson took ninth place (26:00); Khatchadourian finished twentieth (26:31); Brewer finished twenty-fifth (26:48); and Brulois finished thirty-ninth (27:16).

In the junior varsity race, Ian H. Driver '05 led MIT's next six men to a conservative first mile. Driver took over the lead of the race in the second mile, but the Tufts pack took it back going into the third. Robbie A. Bryant '07 stayed with the Tufts runners, taking the lead back for MIT until the end of the fourth mile, but Tufts showed its depth, moving its first five ahead in the final mile to sweep the race. MIT was right behind, though, to take second place overall with Bryant in sixth (27:26), Chris J. Fidkowski G in seventh (27:33), Driver in eighth (27:35), Spencer C. Dudley '07 in tenth (27:43), Kevin J. DiGenova '07 in eleventh (27:48), and Sam J. Berberian '07 in fourteenth (28:21). Still finishing in the top half of the race was Jesús R. Alvarez '07 (30:06), and Eric T. Nelson '07 improved from last week with a time of 30:32.

MIT ran perhaps too aggressively this time, not saving enough to make use of the downhill fourth mile and finishing third overall with 87 points to Amherst's 64 and Tufts's 65. But Coach Halston Taylor plans to have the team run more conservatively next week at the Southern Maine Invitational where MIT will meet Amherst and Williams College.

